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TOUR NEXT STEP

BY DAVID JACK

RESULTS in the World Soccer Series are the greatest tonic the code has had in this country for years.

To put the icing on the cake, it would be even more exciting if the Socceroos could have similar successes in November when they play against teams from China and Europe on their own grounds.

Is this too much to expect?

If it is, the great wave of optimism now sweeping through Australian Soccer about qualifying for the 1986 World Cup will be replaced by pessimism.

Victories in friendly fixtures are always welcome but let us not forget the real test will come in the World Cup elimination matches late next year.

Crunch

You do not need a long memory to recall how Australia beat the magnificent New York Cosmos at Sydney Showground in 1979.

Socceroo coach Rudi Gutendorf was a national hero. But he was some-

thing less than that when the real crunch came and New Zealand took three out of four points from Australia to kill all hopes of Gutendorf's team getting to Spain.

For the 1986 World Cup, New Zealand will surely pose no threat. We may also discount the challenge from Taiwan.

Israel must loom as very difficult oppo-

people a couple of months ago by beating the Republic of Ireland 3-0 in Tel Aviv.

It was no "shadow" Irish team.

It included names like Liam Brady, Frank Stapleton, Mark Lawrenson, David O'Leary, Kevin Moran and Ronnie Whelan.

Stars and superstars ... but the Is-

European football inside out, was tremendously impressed by the Welsh team — despite the absence of ace forward Ian Rush.

Mirmovitch predicted: "Wales will produce a formidable challenge to Spain and Scotland in their World Cup group. I have watched Spain and Scotland and I feel Wales have nothing to fear from either."

That view will please the Welshmen but it will do nothing to put a smile on the face of Frank Arok.

The warning is there now. Once the euphoria of World Series success has worn off, the Socceroos will have to go out and grapple with even tougher opposition in 1985.

You may be sure of one thing. If Australia overcomes the challenge of Israel plus Scotland, Spain or Wales, this "backward Soccer nation" will have really arrived as an international power.

That would be a wonderful thing.

ISRAEL LOOM AS THREAT

nents in the Oceania group.

Should the Socceroos succeed in that first elimination series, who would forecast a win in the final elimination against Spain, Scotland or Wales?

Some recent results provide clues to what Australia is up against.

Israel shocked a lot of

raclis beat them soundly.

More recently, also in Tel Aviv, Israel drew 0-0 with Wales — one of the countries Australia could face if they survive the Israel group challenge.

Impressed

Israeli coach Joe Mirmovitch, who knows



AUSSIE KID ON WAY TO TOP



TONY DORIGO

BY VIC MIGLIACCIO

YOUNG South Australian product Tony Dorigo is on the verge of a permanent spot with English First Division side Aston Villa.

National coach Frank Arok and national Youth coach Jimmy Shoulder were given an up-to-date report on Dorigo's progress by SA director of coaching, Mike Wells.

Dorigo, 18, left Adelaide two years ago and was signed as an apprentice by Aston Villa.

As a 15-year-old winger, Dorigo starred in the SA team which won the National Youth Championship in 1981. He was quickly promoted by Adelaide City into their National League side.

Born in Australia, he was allowed to play in England only because he had first obtained an Italian passport, as his father was born in Italy.

Villa converted the youngster into an attacking full-back and he was quickly noticed by Graeme Taylor, England's national youth manager, who asked him to take out British nationality.

Dorigo got his first taste of the big-time when he came on as sub for Villa against Ipswich at the end of last season.

He then toured with the senior side in Italy in May, and his outstanding game against Udinese, the side for whom Zico plays, brought an approach to Villa from the famous Italian club.

Villa's manager Tony Barton immediately issued a polite refusal, saying: "Although Tony is young and still has much to learn, he showed a lot of composure against Udinese, and he is not

the type of player I want to let go."

Playing in all three matches in Italy against Udinese, Verona and Catania, Dorigo was reported as being outstanding, finishing the tour with a cracking goal.

He has been offered a new contract with Villa, which will tie him to the Birmingham club for three years.

Asked which country he wished to represent, Dorigo answered: "I suppose Australia if it meant playing in the World Cup for them, but otherwise I would opt for England. However that may be a long way off."

Obviously whatever option the youngster takes will depend very much on the reaction of Messrs Arok and Shoulder.

EDITORIAL

HOW does the successful 1984 Australian national team compare with other teams of previous years?

It is generally agreed that, until the present squad was picked, the best of the past Socceroos was Rale Rasic's 1974 team which went to West Germany for the World Cup.

Most people connected with that team still believe it was better than Arok's current squad — but not Adrian "Noddy" Alston.

When we spoke to Alston about this, he said: "You have to stop looking back. Arok's team is a top combination. They are a better attacking side than our 1974 mob. The Socceroos have gone exceptionally well in the past few weeks so let's give them full credit."

Jimmy Rooney, another member of the class of '74, also believes there is more attacking power in the present squad.

It will take the Australian public a long time to be convinced that players like Murphy, Kosmina, Mitchell, Jennings and others are better than the old-time heroes like Utjesenovic, Rooney, Abonyi, Curran and, of course, Noddy Alston himself.

But one of the fascinating things about Soccer is making comparisons between present teams and those of earlier days.

It is not just a matter of assessing the ability of one midfielder against another or one centre-forward against the man who filled the position 10 years before.

The game as a whole has changed — and not for the better.

These days, the leader of the front line has a terribly difficult task trying to achieve anything because of tight-marking from over-populated defences.

If you don't agree, just ask John Kosmina for his opinion.

Ten years ago, the excellent ball skills and body swerve of Alston were a delight to watch as he jinked his way through opposing defences.

You rarely see this from Kosmina. As soon as the ball reaches him, Kossie has a defender only centimetres away determined to prevent him playing creative football.

And a little midfielder like Joe Watson must possess outstanding skills to survive against some of today's defensive methods. Life was not quite so difficult for Jimmy Rooney or Jimmy Mackay a decade earlier.

All of which means there can be no accurate comparison of teams which played in different eras.

We can compare, however, the talents possessed by individual players and this is an interesting exercise.

Is Terry Greedy better than Jack Reilly? Is Kenny Murphy better than Jimmy Mackay? Is Doug Utjesenovic better than Alan Davidson? Is David Ratcliffe better than Peter Wilson?

ASW tosses those questions at readers but we do not supply the answers. That is up to you. And we all have different ideas.

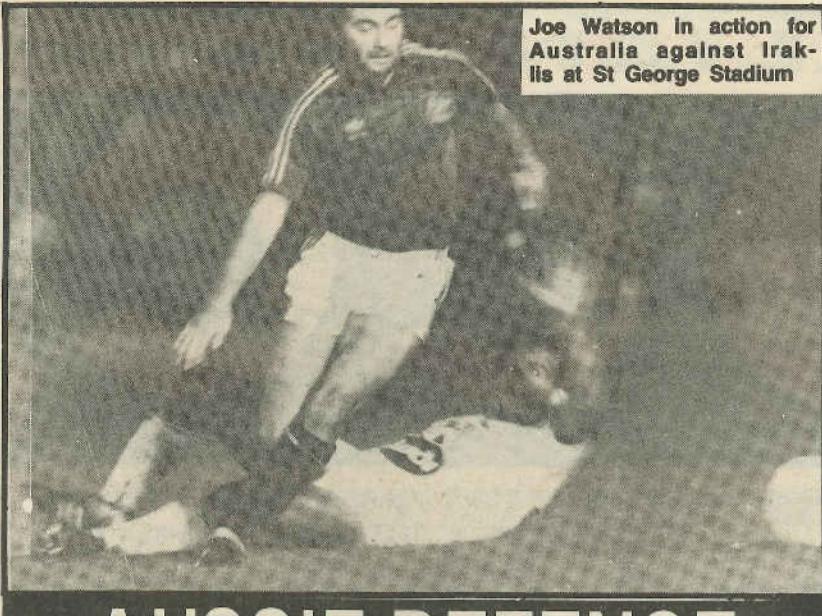
Let us just say that Rale Rasic's team was outstanding in most phases of the game but experienced much difficulty in penetrating when opposed by great defences.

Man for man, Arok's 1984 squad may be slightly inferior as individuals but, as they showed against Juventus at the Sydney Cricket Ground, they have the priceless asset of being able to create more than their share of goalscoring chances.

Had all those chances been accepted against the Italian champions, the Socceroos would have produced a world-shattering score, something like 6-0.

Yes... Arok and his players are well along the road to football greatness.

We look forward keenly to their tour to China and Europe in November and even more successes.



Joe Watson in action for Australia against Iraklis at St George Stadium

AUSSIE DEFENCE DRAWS PRAISE

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

AUSTRALIA, who have drawn immense praise for the attacking ability in the World Soccer Series, proved that they have stability and depth in defence after accounting for Greek side Iraklis 2-0 in a rescheduled WSS game at St George Stadium.

Iraklis were unlucky not to score — particularly in the second half. Their attacking movements were sparked by the brilliant ball skills of striker Vasil Hatzipanagis and central-midfielder Lakis Papaioannou.

Credit should be directed to the Australian defence.

In many cases Iraklis hustled forward but their movements broke down through the tenacious defensive efforts of David Ratcliffe, Charlie Yankos and Steve O'Connor.

Australia looked extremely dangerous during the opening stages.

In the fourth minute, a 15 metre drive from livewire striker Marshall Soper was superbly tipped over the bar by Iraklis goalie Blagoj Georgiev.

Moments later, a dangerous cross from Australian captain John Kosmina was fisted clear by Georgiev.

Australia were rewarded with a goal in the 19th minute.

Midfielder Kenny Murphy, one of Australia's best players, made a dashing 70 metre run down the unsighted Georgiev.

The flow of the game was hindered by continual stop-start refereeing by Don Campbell.

Luckily, a scuffle in the 42nd minute after Ratcliffe had fouled Adamou was brought to order by Campbell.

Australian coach Frank the right flank and his pin-point cross was confidently headed into goal by Kosmina.

This didn't deter the Greek side and they pushed forward looking for the equaliser.

In the 34th minute Dimitrios Adamou broke clear on the right and his low shot went narrowly wide of the far post.

Terry Greedy, who showed composure between the sticks, produced the most important save of the match in the 52nd minute.

Iraklis striker Daniel Papadopoulos received the ball from the right flank and his first-time low shot was brilliantly pushed

around the post by Terry Greedy.

Iraklis continued to attack but the Australian defence absorbed the pressure.

With five minutes remaining, second half substitute Jimmy Cant put the issue beyond doubt.

He intercepted a poor crossfield pass and his low drive from the edge of the Iraklis area took a deflection off a defender and rolled past Arok was particularly pleased with the fitness of his team after such a strenuous programme.

"The side is very enthusiastic and the

fitness level is excellent," he said.

"Remember, we have been finishing very strongly in most games during the series."

AUSTRALIA: Greedy, Davidson, Jennings, Yankos, Ratcliffe, O'Connor, Raskopoulos (Watson 45), Murphy, Soper (Cant 70), Kosmina, Mitchell (Farina 45).

IRAKLIS: Georgiev, Zifkas (Mavridis 78), Orfanidis, Firos, Xanthopoulos, Adamou (Mitosevic 78), Papiaonnou, Hatzipanagis, Pergaminos, Papadopoulos (Vrinios 78), Galatidis.

REFEREE: D. Campbell. CROWD: 8,876.

RAZZLE, DAZZLE IRAKLIS

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

IRAKLIS played dazzling and skilful Soccer to outgun Australia A 3-1 in the final match of the international series in Adelaide.

Australia, noted for their physical tackling, were completely overshadowed by the Greeks who won constant applause from the fans.

Australia's defence of Davidson, O'Connor, Ratcliffe, Yankos and Cant had more work than a brickie's labourer in Lebanon.

The tough Orfanidis clashed with Australian captain John Kosmina on three occasions.

The first half closed scoreless, but three minutes after the break Iraklis broke away when left midfielder Mike Galatidis delicately sent away Mitosevic to beat Australia's goalkeeper Tony Pezzano.

Disaster struck Australia as exhausted centre-back David Ratcliffe, in attempting to pass back to his keeper, lobbed Pezzano for an own goal.

Iraklis scored their third goal 10 minutes from the end when captain Vasil Hatzipanagis took a free kick from the right of the box. He struck a top-spinner that dipped across the face of Australia's goalmouth and fell behind fullback Davidson on the far post for Galatidis.

Kosmina clashed with



MITOSEVIC

CLOSE THING FOR FRANCE

FRANCE, strong favourites to take the 1984 European Championship, had to battle hard to creep into the final at the expense of semi-final opponents Portugal.

Not until almost the end of extra-time did the magnificent Michel Platini score the goal which gave the Frenchmen their 3-2 win and ended Portuguese hopes.

France were in front after 25 minutes with a free kick from Jean-Francois Domergue, but the match was sent into extra-time through an equaliser for Portugal by Rui Jordao a quarter of an hour from full-time.

The same player gave Portugal the lead in the eighth minute of the extra period but Domergue got his second French goal to make it 2-2.

Then Platini, bagging his eighth goal of the Championship, swept France into Wednesday's Paris final after 119 minutes of play.

The semi-final played in Marseilles attracted 56,000 spectators.

IN the other semi-final played in Lyons, it was another desperately close affair, in fact Spain had to qualify for the final the hard way, beating Denmark 5-4 on penalty kicks.

The unfancied Danes were in front at half-time, thanks to a goal in the seventh minute by Soren Lerby.

Spain equalised in 67 minutes when Antonio Macea scored.

The match went into extra-time but no more goals were forthcoming.

Then came the penalty shoot-out, a method of determining match results which is becoming very common these days.

Both teams scored from their first four penalties. But Denmark's Preben Elkjaer missed with his team's fifth kick and when Manuel Sarabia scored for Spain, it was all over.

Wednesday's final in Paris between host nation France and Spain promises to be a tough battle but the Frenchmen, with a genius called Platini dictating strategy onfield, are a hot tip.

RAZZLE, DAZZLE IRAKLIS

his marker Babis Xanthopoulos, who starred with his elegant flicks and close ball skills.

Peter Raskopoulos scored Australia's consolation goal.

Stars for Iraklis were Xanthopoulos, Orfanidis, Papaioannou, Adamou and Hatzipanagis, while Australia was brilliantly served by Mitchell and the never-say-die Alan Davidson.

Australian coach Frank Arok said after the match: "The pressure we coped from this side was far greater than what we received from

Juventus. They are a fine team".

AUSTRALIA: Pezzano; Davidson, Cant, Yankos, Ratcliffe, O'Connor; Watson (Farina 45), Raskopoulos, McCulloch; Kosmina, Mitchell.

IRAKLIS: Georgiev; Mavridis, Xanthopoulos, Pergaminos, Orfanidis (Mavrodoulakis 77); Zifkas, Mitosevic, Papaioannou (Papadopoulos 62), Galatidis; Adamou, Hatzipanagis (Dospros 84).

REFEREE: M. Browning. CROWD: 5,600.

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GREEKS CHASE JOHN KOSMINA

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

AUSTRALIAN captain John Kosmina has been offered a contract by touring Greek club Iraklis.

The offer was made on board the aircraft taking the team to Adelaide last Friday for the final match in the World Soccer Series.

Iraklis team manager, Adonis Kotsinos, approached me to translate and convey an offer to Kosmina to play for Iraklis for the 1985 and 1986 seasons.

Iraklis were very impressed by Kosmina's strength of play up-front, and drastically need a strong target-man in their firing line to assist their ace goalscorer and captain, Vasilis Hatzipanagis.

I conveyed the cash offer to Kosmina on the plane, which also included a car and free ac-

commodation on a two-year contract.

After a few minutes deliberation, the Australian captain answered: "I appreciate the Iraklis offer and I'm honoured. But it couldn't have come at a worse time for me.

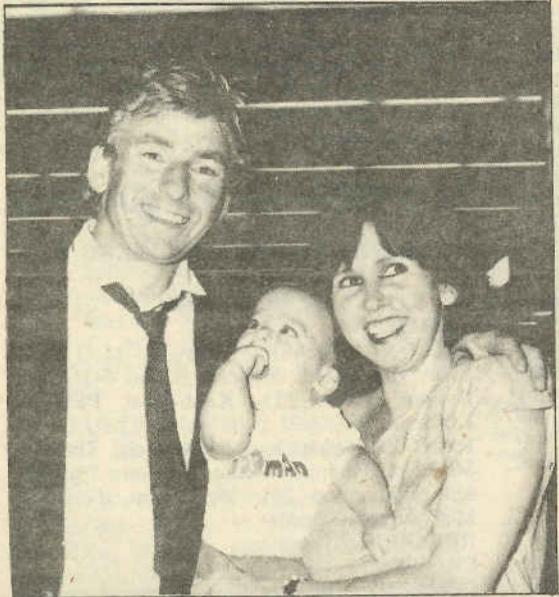
"Right this moment, I am concerned with my club Sydney City chasing the 1984 championship, I have a newly-born baby (our first), I'm tied down with a good job with the Nike company and my wife Judith has a business to run.

"On top of all this, Australia has the European tour in November and I don't want to miss it," said Kosmina.

Kosmina is not the only the Australian player sought by a European side which participated in the World Soccer Series.

Crack Italian champions, Juventus, showed interest in Canberra's Frank Farina whilst they were here.

As well, another club which toured here was very interested in Australia's right-back Alan Davidson and are willing to sign him immediately.



JOHN KOSMINA and wife Judith with their baby child

LET'S GET TOGETHER

IN some ways the present World Soccer Series has been of great benefit to Soccer in Australia.

In other ways, I am not so sure.

What does disappoint me is the way the junior and amateur bodies have not worked more closely with the Australian Soccer Federation in scheduling match venues and kick-off times.

I don't know whether the ASF is at fault or the amateurs. But that is not important. The important thing is many young players have been denied the opportunity of watching some of the world's greatest stars in action... because they have had to play for their own clubs.

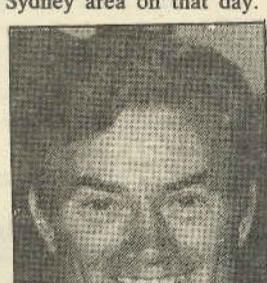
On the Saturday when Australia had its magnificent 2-0 win over Juventus, I was walking across Moore Park to enter the SCG. I noticed a competition match in progress on one of the Moore Park pitches — Spanish teams were involved, I believe.

It was not watched by a large number of spectators. But I suppose there would have been 100 watchers around the sidelines. How many of those spectators would have been in the SCG to see Australia and Juventus had they not been supporting their own clubs?

And how many players would have liked to watch

the big game instead of playing in their own little competition?

There were many competition matches for amateurs and juniors throughout the whole Sydney area on that day.



BY TONY BOSKOVIC

In Leichhardt, where there is a huge Italian community, there must have been thousands of Soccer lovers who were deprived of the opportunity of watching Paolo Rossi, Antonio Cabrini, Gateano Scirea, Marco Tardelli and the other Italian heroes in action at the SCG. Those potential SCG spectators could not desert their own amateur teams — despite the attraction of Rossi and his team mates.

I realise it is terribly difficult re-

scheduling matches when a glamour team is playing in Sydney but this did not deter the Queensland Soccer Federation a few weeks ago when Queensland played New South Wales at Perry Park.

The Federation placed a complete ban on ALL Soccer within a large area of southern and eastern Queensland in the hope of bolstering the attendance at the interstate game.

It worked very well, too. There were 6,000 people at Perry Park, almost filling that compact ground and providing excellent atmosphere for the big game.

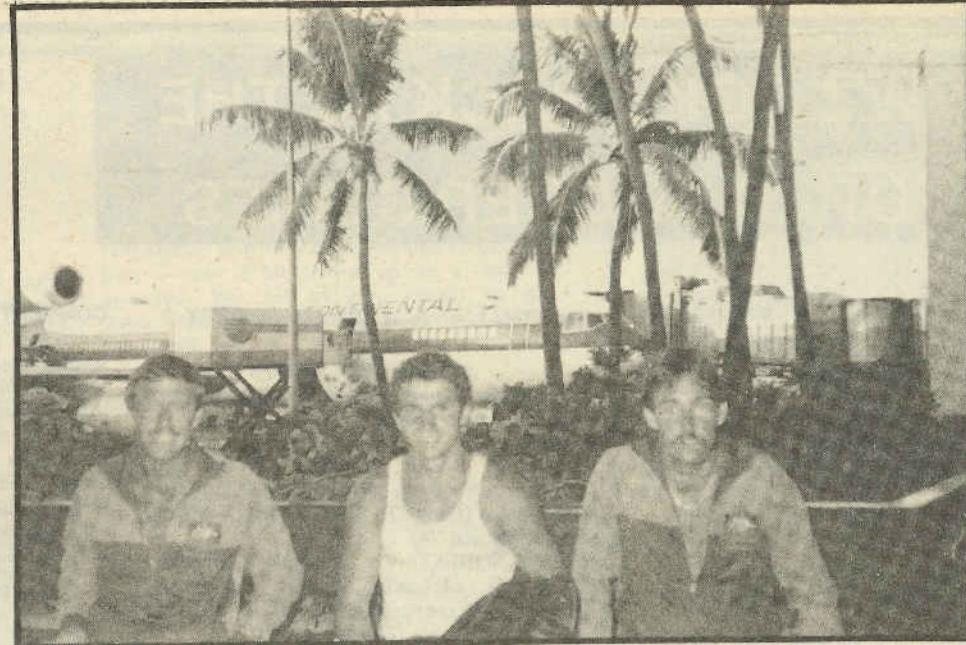
Probably some clubs complained about having to postpone their games but, on the whole, the ruling from the QSF was of great benefit to the code.

Had the QSF not instigated those mass postponements, the Perry Park attendance would have been considerably reduced.

Is the ASF or the NSW Soccer Federation courageous enough to place a similar ban on amateur and junior competitions the next time a glamour overseas team plays in Sydney?

I'm not saying it would immediately bring a huge increase in the crowd at the big match, but it would certainly help.

It must be worth a try, surely.



Australian open players Alan Beck and Brett Gilligan pictured with Youth manager Paul Thompson (left) in Hawaii during last year's American tour

AUSTRALIA TO HOLD WORLD INDOOR SOCCER TOURNAMENT

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

THE biggest Indoor Soccer tournament ever held in Australia will be played in Melbourne in November.

Sanctioned by FIF-USA, the world governing body, the tournament will be contested between teams from the USA, Canada, Brasil, Japan, New Zealand and Australia. There is a possibility of China playing.

Joe Brent, the National Amateur Indoor Soccer secretary, has been impressed with Indoor Soccer's meteoric success in recent years.

"The Australia Amateur Indoor Soccer Federation started off with 42 six-a-side teams registered in 1971," he said.

"Now we have more

than 62,000 thousand registered players and are expanding our horizons into the country regions.

"Last November three national teams, mens, youth and women, successfully toured the US west coast surprising their more fancied American rivals.

"Australia is now being recognised on a worldwide level," Brent concluded.

Since joining FIF-USA — Federacao International de Futebol — Australia have been invited to attend the World Championships held in Europe next year.

Nick Nikolopoulos, the

senior vice-president of the Australian executive committee, has been re-appointed as the men's coach for the coming series.

During the past two years Nikolopoulos has enjoyed a successful period. In 10 International games under his control, the men's team have won six games, drawn two and lost two.

He is hopeful that he can continue their momentum for the International tournament in Melbourne.

"There have been a couple of changes to the team which lost only one

game out of six on the American tour last year," Nikolopoulos said.

"Those changes have made the team even stronger. During the National Championships at Easter I had a good chance to look at all of the best players in the country.

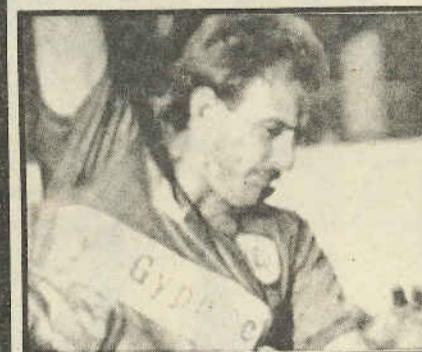
"We had a training camp during the Queen's Birthday weekend in Sydney and the squad looked very sharp.

On his team's chances in the tournament he added: "We are just as good as any team. All the teams are unknown quantities just like we are to them."

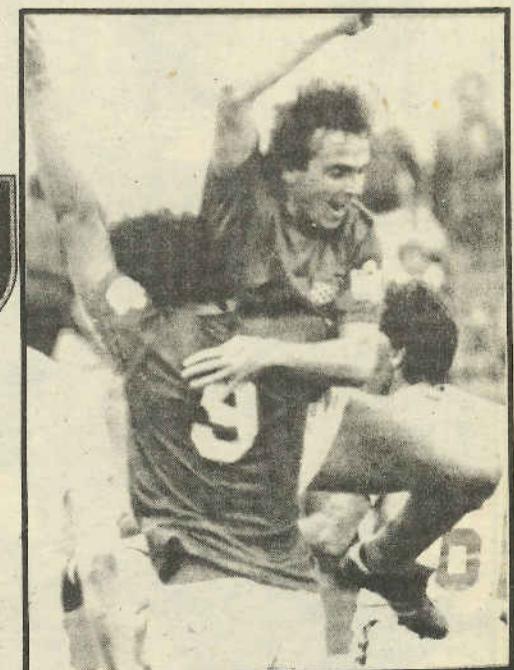
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AUSTRALIA 'A' GAMES

AUSTRALIA 'A' 0 MANCHESTER UTD 0

At SCG 26/5/84

TEAMS:

AUST 'A': Pezzano, Davidson, Jennings, Yankos, Ratcliffe, O'Connor, Watson (Raskopoulos 87), Cant, Murphy, Kosmina, Soper.

MAN UTD: Pears, McGrath, Blackmore, McQueen, Moran, Dempsey, Davies, Graham, Worthington, Hughes, Hutchison.

REFEREE: P.Ramley.

CROWD: 16,047.

COMMENT: Australia opened their World Soccer Series account cautiously, with two strikers, but showed the potential which was to come to the fore in later games. Manchester United, missing several star players, failed to impress their fans.

AUSTRALIA 'A' 1 N'HAM FOREST 1

At Hindmarsh 30/5/84

SCORERS: Murphy (Aust), Anderson (Forest).

TEAMS:

AUST 'A': Greedy, Davidson, Jennings, Yankos, O'Connor, Ratcliffe, Watson (Gray 86), Murphy, Mitchell (Farina 77), Kosmina, Soper.

NOTTM FOREST: Van Breukelen, Anderson, Swain, Fairclough, Gunn, Mills, Bowyer, Wigley, Walsh, Davenport (Hodge 70), Birtles.

REFEREE: B.Harwood.

CROWD: 4,000.

COMMENT: David Mitchell came into the Australian team, which turned in a performance that drew praise from Forest assistant manager Ron Fenton. Australia equalised five minutes after Anderson headed Nottingham Forest into the lead.

AUSTRALIA 'A' 3 RANGERS 2

At SCG 2/6/84

SCORERS: O'Connor, Kosmina, Mitchell (Aust), McCoist 2 (Rangers).

TEAMS:

AUST 'A': Greedy, Davidson, Jennings, Yankos, Ratcliffe, O'Connor, Watson, Murphy, Soper (Cant 70), Kosmina, Mitchell (Farina 72).

RANGERS: McCloy, Burns, McClelland, Paterson, McPherson, Russell, McCoist, Redford, Cooper (McAdam 57, McKinnon 72), I.Ferguson, McDonald.

REFEREE: D.Rennie.

CROWD: 8,800.

COMMENT: A highly exciting game with both sides going all-out for victory. Australia led 3-1 at half-time, and held out Rangers' second half pressure. Rangers' Colin McAdam went to hospital with a broken leg after an incident involving David Mitchell.

AUSTRALIA 'A' 2 N'HAM FOREST 2

At Lang Park 7/6/84

SCORERS: Kosmina, O'Connor (Aust), Hodge, Bowyer (Forest).

TEAMS:

AUST 'A': Greedy, Davidson (Watson 45), Jennings, Yankos, Ratcliffe, O'Connor, Raskopoulos (Gray 57), Cant, Farina, Kosmina, Soper (Mitchell 74).

NOTTM FOREST: Van Breukelen, Anderson (Gunn 45), McInally, Walker, Fairclough, Bowyer, Wigley, Mills, Birtles (Riley 57), Hodge, Walsh (Davenport 45).

REFEREE: T.Davies.

CROWD: 5,274.

COMMENT: Australia fought back to equalise after being 1-2 down against a solid Nottingham Forest team. Centre-back Steve O'Connor scored the vital goal with a strong header to a corner-kick in the 69th minute.

AUSTRALIA 'A' 1 JUVENTUS 1

At MCG 10/6/84

SCORERS: Ratcliffe (Aust), Koetting (Juventus).

TEAMS:

AUST 'A': Greedy, Davidson, Jennings, Yankos, Ratcliffe, O'Connor, Watson, Murphy, Egan (Farina 69), Kosmina, Soper (Mitchell 69).

JUVENTUS: Tacconi, Caricola, Cabrini, Scirea, Brio, Tardelli (Prandelli 56), Bonini, Vignola, Boniek, Penzo (Koetting 63), Rossi.

REFEREE: J.Johnston.

CROWD: 36,128.

COMMENT: One of the outstanding matches of the entire series, with Australia, amazingly, holding a 1-0 lead with only 10 minutes to play. All that marred the game were the occasional flare-ups when, thanks to a kind referee, punches were thrown but no player was sent off. Juve coach Giovanni Trapattoni, clearly impressed and surprised by the Australian team, commented: "You do have some very good players."

AUSTRALIA 'A' 2 JUVENTUS 4

At Football Park, Adelaide, 12/6/84

SCORERS: Cant, Yankos (Aust), Boniek 3, Rossi (Juventus).

TEAMS:

AUST 'A': Greedy, Davidson, Ratcliffe, O'Connor, Yankos, Robertson, Cant, Mitchell, Soper, Kosmina, Farina.

JUVENTUS: Tacconi, Caricola, Brio, Scirea, Cabrini, Tardelli (Furino 66), Bonini, Vignola (Prandelli 66), Koetting (Tavola 66), Rossi, Boniek.

CROWD: 21,000.

REFEREE: D.Campbell.

At St George 21/6/84

SCORERS: Kosmina, Cant.

COMMENT: This was the one match in which Australia performed poorly. That did not surprise people in the know because coach Frank Arok deliberately took a gamble in his team formation, throwing four men up front to try and unsettle the Italian team. "We learned a good lesson with that experiment," explained Arok afterwards. Feature of the match was the delightful football provided by hat-trick Polish wizard Zibi Boniek.

AUSTRALIA 'A' 2 JUVENTUS 0

At SCG 16/6/84

SCORERS: Soper, O'Connor.

TEAMS:

AUST 'A': Greedy, Davidson, Jennings, Yankos, Ratcliffe, O'Connor, Watson (Raskopoulos 85), Murphy, Kosmina, Soper (Farina 42), Mitchell (Cant 77).

JUVENTUS: Bodini, Caricola, Bonini, Cabrini, Brio, Scirea, Koetting, Tardelli (Furino 56), Rossi, Vignola (Tavola 45), Prandelli.

REFEREE: R.Lorenc.

CROWD: 14,004.

COMMENT: Undoubtedly one of the greatest days in Australia's Soccer history, with one of Europe's finest sides humiliated in a match which, had justice been done, would have given Australia a 6-0 victory. Frank Farina, who played only half the match, shattered the Italian defence every time he attacked and should have had a personal hat-trick.

AUSTRALIA 'A' 2 IRAKLIS 0

At St George 21/6/84

SCORERS: Kosmina, Cant.

TEAMS:

AUST 'A': Greedy, Davidson, Jennings, Yankos, Ratcliffe, O'Connor, Raskopoulos (Watson 45), Murphy, Soper (Cant 70), Kosmina, Mitchell (Farina 45).

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REFEREE: D.Campbell.

CROWD: 8,876.

COMMENT: Australia opened in dominating fashion, but Iraklis took control and forced the Socceroo defenders to play at their best. John Kosmina scored the opening goal, and Jimmy Cant sealed the win late in the second half.

AUSTRALIA 'A' 1 IRAKLIS 3

At Hindmarsh 22/6/84

SCORERS: Raskopoulos (Aust), Mitosevics, Galatidis, Ratcliffe (Iraklis).

TEAMS:

AUST 'B': Franken, Lewis, Henderson, Blair (Slater 77), M.O'Shea, J.O'Shea, Patikas, Katholos, Selemidis (Miranda 82), Egan, Cole.

RANGERS: Walker, McKinnon, McAdam (Burns 52), Paterson, Dawson, McCoist, McPherson, Redford, Clark, I.Ferguson, Munro, McDonald.

REFEREE: B.Monteverde.

CROWD: 2,527.

COMMENT: Charlie Egan opened the scoring for Australia, but Rangers' Sandy Clark scored a controversial equaliser, with the Socceroos claiming he was offside. That goal, in the first half, inspired a strong second half performance from the visitors, culminating in a 74th minute winner.

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TEAMS:

AUST 'A': Pezzano, Davidson, Cant, Yankos, Ratcliffe, O'Connor, Watson (Farina 45), Raskopoulos, McCulloch, Kosmina, Mitchell.

IRAKLIS: Georgiev, Mavridis, Xanthopoulos, Pergaminos, Orfanidis (Mavrodoulakis 77), Zifkas, Mitosevic, Papaioannou (Papadopoulos 62), Galatidis, Adamou, Hatzipanagis (Dospros 84).

REFEREE: M.Browning.

CROWD: 5,600.

COMMENT: A very tired Socceroo side capitulated in the face of Iraklis, who were the better team for most of the match. It is a pity Australia had to play this one match too many in a series which was permitted to drag on too long and which featured too many teams. But the result will do no harm if it brings some people down to earth following heady victories against top European opposition.

AUSTRALIA 'B' GAMES

AUSTRALIA 'B' 0 RANGERS 0

At MCG 27/5/84

TEAMS:

AUST 'B': Franken, Lewis, M.O'Shea, Blair, Henderson, Miranda (Crino 64), Egan, Brown (Cole 73), Katholos, Patikas, J.O'Shea.

RANGERS: McCloy, McKinnon, Dawson, McAdam, Paterson, Redford (Munro 76), Russell (Williamson 34), McPherson, Ferguson, McCoist, McDonald.

REFEREE: J.Fearn.

CROWD: 12,600.

COMMENT: This was one of several matches dominated by a young goalkeeper, Australia's Anthony Franken. After the game ended, Rangers boss Jock Wallace went into the home team dressing room to ask: "Where's your goalie — I want to shoot him!" The draw was a fair result with two well-matched teams.

AUSTRALIA 'B' 1 RANGERS 2

At Lang Park 31/5/84

SCORERS: Egan (Aust), Clark, I.Ferguson (Rangers).

TEAMS:

AUST 'B': Franken, Lewis, Henderson, Blair (Slater 77), M.O'Shea, J.O'Shea, Patikas, Katholos, Selemidis (Miranda 82), Egan, Cole.

RANGERS: Walker, McKinnon, McAdam (Burns 52), Paterson, Dawson, McCoist, McPherson, Redford, Clark, I.Ferguson, Munro, McDonald.

REFEREE: B.Monteverde.

CROWD: 2,527.

COMMENT: Charlie Egan opened the scoring for Australia, but Rangers' Sandy Clark scored a controversial equaliser, with the Socceroos claiming he was offside. That goal, in the first half, inspired a strong second half performance from the visitors, culminating in a 74th minute winner.

AUSTRALIA 'B' 1 RANGERS 1

At Hindmarsh 5/6/84

SCORERS: McCulloch (Aust), McClelland (Rangers).

TEAMS:

AUST 'B': Franken, Lewis (Blair 59), Robertson, Henderson, M.O'Shea, Opasini, J.O'Shea, Miranda, McCulloch (Patikas 77), Slater, Egan.

RANGERS: McCloy, Burns, McKinnon, Paterson, McPherson, McClelland, McCoist, Munro, E.Ferguson (Russell 62), Clark (I.Ferguson 62), Cooper.

REFEREE: J.Rossis.

CROWD: 4,000.

COMMENT: Rangers had the better of this match but were unable to get the win they sought against the Australian reserve side. Full marks to Eddie Thomson's boys for a fine result.

AUSTRALIA 'B' 2 RANGERS 4

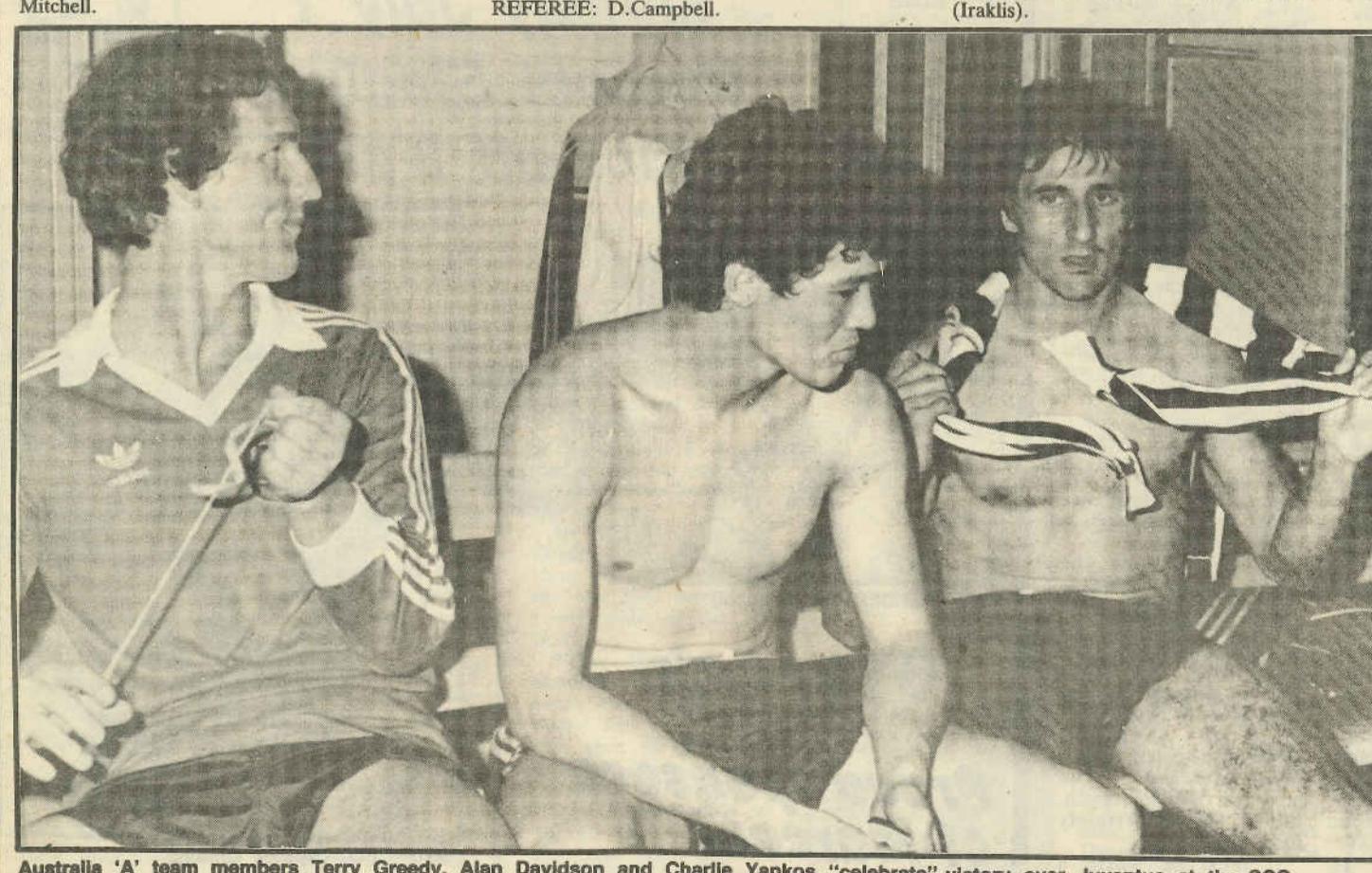
At Speers Point 7/6/84

SCORERS: Blair, Brown (Aust), Paterson, Burns, McCoist, Cooper (Rangers).

TEAMS:

AUST 'B': Olver, Opasini (Egan 74), Rizzotto, Blair, Henderson, M.O'Shea, Patikas, Selemidis, Katholos, Cole, Brown.

RANGERS: McCloy, Burns, Dawson, McClelland.



Australia 'A' team members Terry Greedy, Alan Davidson and Charlie Yankos "celebrate" victory over Juventus at the SCG

MONTH!

land, Paterson, Redford, Russell, McCoist (McDonald 76), I. Ferguson (Clark 65), McPherson, Cooper.

REFEREE: J. Reeves.

CROWD: 6,292.

COMMENT: This was Rangers' final match in the series — and their best. For the first time since they left Glasgow, Jock Wallace's players looked true thoroughbreds, winning handsomely with a great second half performance.

AUSTRALIA 'B' 0 N'HAM FOREST 0
At SCG 11/6/84

TEAMS:

AUST 'B': Franken, Lewis, Henderson, M.O'Shea, Blair, Rizzotto, J.O'Shea, Katholos, Patikas, Slater (Cole 83), Brown (Egan 69).

NOTTM FOREST: Sutton, Gunn, Fairclough, Hart, McInally, Bowyer, Hodge, Davenport (Riley 80), Wigley, Murray, Mills (Walsh 62).

REFEREE: G. Power.

CROWD: 1,500.

COMMENT: Not the most exciting match in this series but the desperately small crowd did nothing to inspire players on a public holiday Monday. Forest were slightly the better side but played like a team ready for the return flight home. Australia 'B' also disappointed although goalkeeper Franken turned in another fine exhibition.

AUSTRALIA 'B' 0 IRAKLIS 0
At Lang Park 13/6/84

TEAMS:

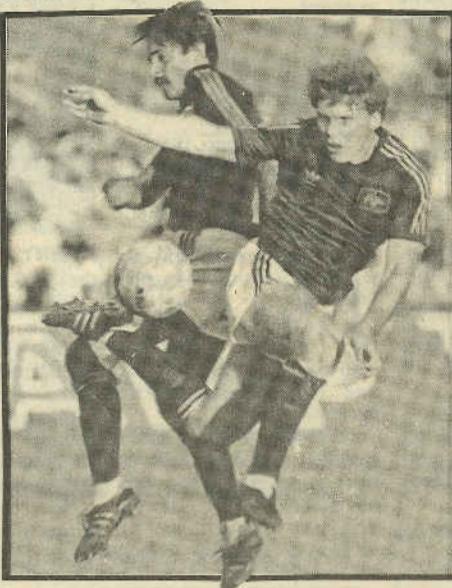
AUST 'B': Olver, J.O'Shea (Lewis 45), Henderson, Blair, M.O'Shea, Rizzotto, Selemidis, Miranda (Katholos 57), Slater (Brown 81), Patikas, Egan.

IRAKLIS: Georgiev, Mavridis, Orfanidis (Adamou 57), Firos, Galatidis, Pargaminis, Xanthopoulos, Zifkas, Papaioannou, Hatzipanagis, Papadopoulos.

REFEREE: A. Kibbler.

CROWD: 2,000.

COMMENT: A strange mixture of a match containing some good football from both sides plus some incidents we would like to forget in a hurry. The sending-off incident involving Orfanidis was comic opera stuff. The player was sent off, then given the lighter sentence of a caution, before being hauled off and substituted.



John O'Shea and Robbie Slater, St George and Australia 'B' team-mates, collide during the 0-0 draw with Forest at the SCG

AUSTRALIA 'B' 1 IRAKLIS 1
At MCG 17/6/84

SCORERS: Brown (Aust), Papadopoulos (Iraklis).

TEAMS:

AUST 'B': Franken, Lewis (J.O'Shea 64), Opasinis, Henderson, M.O'Shea, Blair, Crino, Katholos (Patikas 82), Cole, Egan, Brown.

IRAKLIS: Georgiev, Mavridis, Pergaminis,

Firos, Zivkas, Papaioannou, Xanthopoulos (Mitesevits 74), Galatidis, Adamou, Hatzipanagis (Vrinios 82), Papadopoulos.

REFEREE: P. Spiers. CROWD: 18,000.

COMMENT: Iraklis improved on their strange Brisbane performance but never looked a side to be feared. Australia 'B' also looked as if they'd had enough of the long tour — so it all added up to a dull 90 minutes. Yet let us give credit to the Australians for getting a good draw against a top Greek team.

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MANCHESTER UTD 1 N'HAM FOREST 0
At MCG 3/6/84

SCORER: Hughes.

TEAMS:

MAN UTD: Bailey, Garton, Moran, McQueen, McGrath, Moses, Davies, Barnes, Hutchinson, Hughes, Worthington.

NOTTM FOREST: Sutton, Gunn, Fairclough, Hart, McInally, Bowyer, Hodge, Davenport (Riley 80), Wigley, Murray, Mills (Walsh 62).

REFEREE: C. Cambridge.

CROWD: 21,099.

COMMENT: Purely an exhibition work-out for two teams with no incentive to win. There were a few nice moves, particularly the one which brought the only goal, but it was a nothing game. It was surprising to see such a large crowd paying good money to watch a United side without seven regular first-teamers.

MANCHESTER UNITED 0 JUVENTUS 0
At SCG 6/6/84

TEAMS:

MAN UTD: Bailey, Garton (Dempsey 88), McQueen, Moran, McGrath, Hutchinson, Moses, Davies, Graham (Hughes 36, McGarvey 45), Worthington, Barnes.

JUVENTUS: Tacconi, Gentile (Caricola 78), Cabrini, Bonini, Brio, Scirea (Prandelli 87), Vignola, Tardelli, Penzo, Rossi (Koetting 64), Boniek.

REFEREE: P. Rampley.

CROWD: 24,286.

COMMENT: This was strictly an exhibition affair with neither side flat out — and it made nonsense of the "match of the century" build-up. A major disappointment all round, not helped when the teams staged a ridiculous penalty shoot-out at the finish for no apparent reason.



PLATINI

0-28 TO SHOW CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL LIVE

NETWORK 0-28 will telecast the final of the 1984 European Championship live from France.

Next Thursday morning, June 28, at 4 am, the Super Soccer Network will beam into Australia Europe's most prestigious international Soccer event.

The championship is held every four years between the top nations, and this year the final will be staged at the Parc De Princes Stadium in Paris.

The European Championship, previously known as the Nations' Cup, is the result of two years of elimination matches between European countries shooting for the last eight places in the final series.

The current European champions, West Germany, have relinquished their title.

Favourites this year are France, so magnificently led by Juventus' midfield general, Michel Platini.

Platini last week scored two hat-tricks to push France to the top of their group.

Highlights will be shown at 11 pm next Thursday.

Network 0-28 have announced that they will be compiling a 90 minute special on the recently concluded World Soccer Series.

The special will show every goal scored in the series.

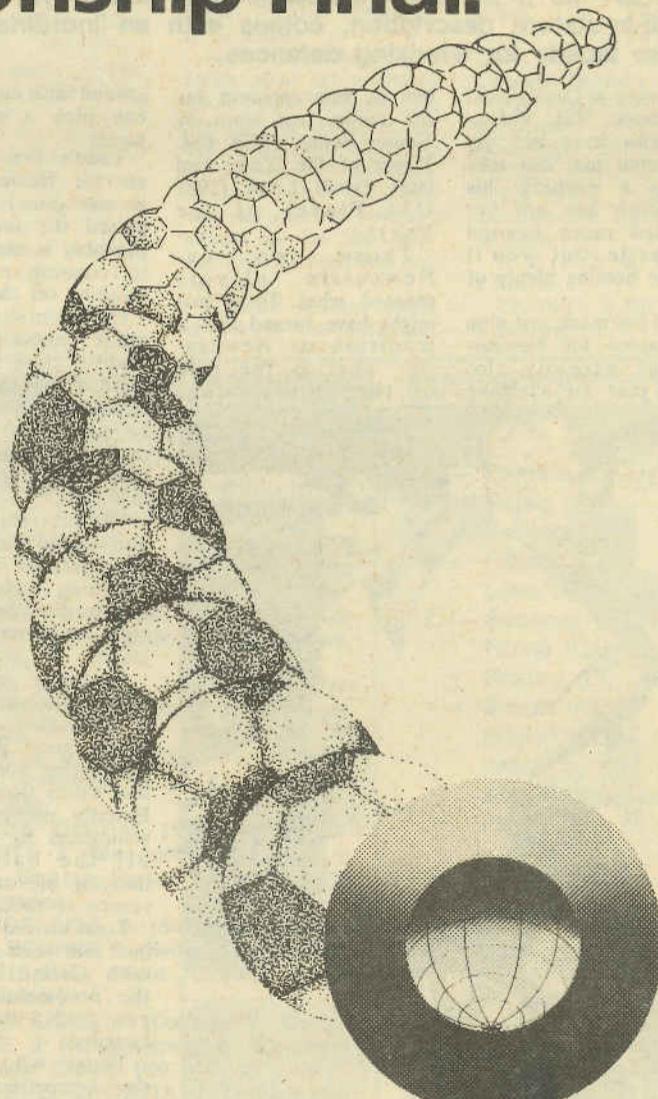
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FITNESS IS KEY ELEMENT

THE fitness and condition of the Socceroos during the World Soccer Series has been of the highest calibre and indeed equal to a top-class professional outfit.

Pre-series doubts that our players would not be able to stand up to the tough WSS schedule have been proved completely wrong.

It also must be pointed out that at times the cry of "our players are only part-timers and cannot be expected to stand up to the demanding schedule" seemed to come from sections who were only looking for excuses if the Socceroos failed.

But as we now are fully aware, no such excuses were needed and the fitness and condition of our team was excellent.

National coach Frank Arok and his coaching staff have to be complimented on their work in this department and it was a job well done.

Indeed, the prepara-

tion and presentation of the Socceroos was highly praised by Rangers boss Jock Wallace before he left these shores with his team.

This indeed is a tremendous compliment, for the Rangers manager is renowned for his severe training preparations and demanding fitness routines.

Fitness concerns condition and training concerns the sharpening of team-work and improvement of individual skills.

In most countries when players report for national team duty, the aspect of physical fitness is a minor priority and the major need is for training and team co-ordination.

However, this is not the situation in Australia, where the fitness of a player differs

PLAYERS MUST HAVE PRIDE

BY TOM ANDERSON

depending on which club he comes from.

This is something that has always been a drawback in our national team set-up.

Therefore, one of Arok's major tasks has been to get the players to the standard of fitness required for the job at hand.

Tough

Over such a long series as the WSS, Arok has had the tough job of keeping the players at their peak for a period of four to five weeks.

The psychological aspect comes into this in quite a big way.

In South America and now in many European

countries, physical fitness experts are brought in just to look after the conditioning of the team with the coach concentrating on the rest.

However we have not quite reached that stage here in Australia and the coach does it all.

Arok's philosophy is that a player, no matter how proficient at the game he may be, should have enough pride to keep himself in top shape at all times.

Part of Arok's success formula is treating players like adults, and in doing so he gets them to react like adults.

Every player,

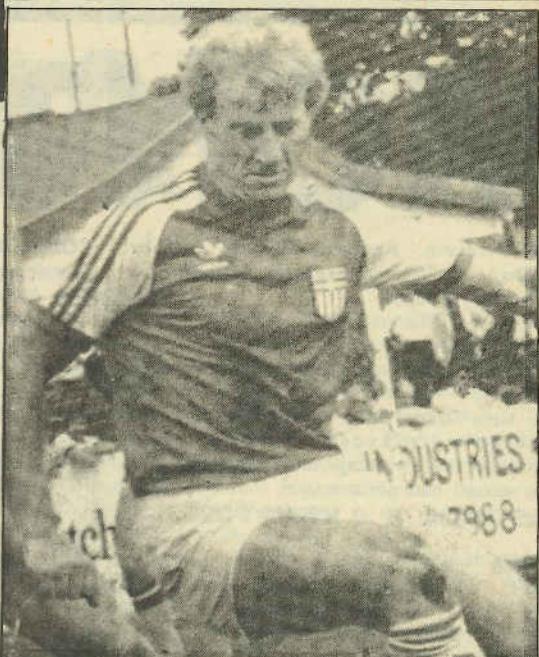
whether he will admit it or not, enjoys being pushed hard during a team workout.

They all appreciate the benefits in the long run and especially when playing in the international arena.

The knowledge that he is going into a top game at peak fitness gives a man the added confidence to play at his peak.

For example, having watched Kenny Murphy very closely throughout the series, I noticed the longer the series continued the fitter and more confident he became.

His performances spiralled and Murphy was brilliant in the unforgettable clash against Juventus at



KENNY MURPHY ... confident

the SCG.

In fact, this was one of the finest all-round displays I have ever seen from an Australian midfielder.

Graham Jennings is another who improved as his fitness peaked during the series.

Now the World Soccer Series is over, Arok and

his coaching panel will hold a series of camps until the Socceroos go on their world tour at the end of the year.

And when October 1985 comes around, you can bet your bottom dollar that the Socceroos will be fitter than at any other time of their careers.

DEREK TODD IS SUCCESSOR TO BODEN, LOWE

BY NEIL JAMESON

ALMOST as if on cue, Newcastle has yielded yet another striker who fits the small-in-stature description, comes with an inordinate amount of skill and has a rare facility for wrecking defences.

His name is Derek Todd and those NSL defenders who have not yet encountered him can take this as a warning: his reputation has not yet extended much beyond Newcastle but you'll soon be hearing plenty of him.

Todd has made just nine appearances for Newcastle but already the team's fans are claiming

him as heir apparent for the crown first worn by Kenny Boden (1978 PSL Player of the Year) and later David Lowe (1982 U21 Player of the Year).

Those two ex-Newcastle players created what Todd just might have turned into a tradition at Newcastle. That is the role of the close-to-the-

ground skills merchant who can pick a defence to pieces.

Todd's first three goals for Newcastle (two in one game) partly disguised the fact that he probably is more attuned to creating rather than finishing off chances.

On his arrival at Newcastle, nobody doubted Todd's close skills but there was some suspicion that his unwillingness to part with the ball made him something less than the perfect team man.

His critics said he also lacked vision, claiming that his head-down dribbling style made it impossible for him to sight supporting teammates.

However, under the astute guidance of Willie Gallagher, Todd has shown great progress in eliminating some of the bad habits from his play. Equally pleasing in his willingness to work hard off the ball, either harrying the man in possession or tackling back.

Todd arrived from England four years ago to play with Coffs Harbour in the now-defunct Northern NSW State League.

Those who followed that competition had no doubt he was worth a run in NSL ranks, but at that stage he was firmly settled in Coffs. However, an exhibition match involving the Northern rep side and Newcastle United

suggested that Todd had the goods to play at NSL level.

Almost three years past between that date and when Todd actually made his debut with Newcastle.

Transfer

The critical step was last year's transfer to Adamstown Rosebuds. That club's involvement in Newcastle's NSL fortunes gave him the chance for promotion.

Derek Todd's close skills are very much the icing on the cake of Newcastle's entertaining style. He's the player with the ability to beat his man and when he turns on the skill in and around the penalty area he starts creating real problems for defenders.

Nothing will please Newcastle fans more than for Todd to continue wrecking havoc as he comes to grips with the step-up in standard.

However, sitting in the back of Newcastle minds is the knowledge that any player whose talent becomes too obvious will almost certainly become the target of the richer Sydney clubs.

And if Todd is to follow the Boden-Lowe example to the letter, his stay at Newcastle will, sadly, be a temporary one.

Wright, 20, badly tore tendons and ligaments when he fell awkwardly during the derby against Brisbane City at Perry Park on April 11.

The injury came only days after Wright, a former Youth Socceroo, had been named in the Australia "A" squad for the international series.

The youngster desperately tried to keep playing in a bid to hold onto his national squad spot, but that decision only proved to further aggravate the injury.

Despite a long lay-off, Wright is still weeks away from making his NSL return.

And that has left him as one of the most disappointed players in Australia. He had been hoping to start playing when the NSL resumed on the weekend and make a bid for a place in the Socceroo squad for its world tour later this year.

"I just hope that Frank Arok has not forgotten about me and when I eventually get fit I will be considered for the World Cup campaign," Wright said.

WRIGHT WAITS FOR RETURN



AN ankle injury, sustained more than two months ago, is set to make this year the worst season ever for talented young Brisbane Lions striker Danny Wright.

Wright remembers well how he injured his ankle and blames long studs for the accident.

Wright had put in long studs when City and Lions attempted to play their derby in the rain and slush at Spencer Park. The match was abandoned and re-scheduled to Perry Park three days later.

BY GREG RUSSELL

Suspecting the surface would still be soft, Wright left in the long tags.

"I can remember getting my legs tangled with Steve Perry, but my tags gripped and my ankle dug in as my leg went over," Wright said.

"I knew straight away it was serious. It is the worst injury I have ever had."

But with his Socceroo selection in mind, Wright still attempted to make a quick comeback. He ruled himself out of the interstate game between Queensland and New South Wales, but a week later played for Lions.

"I knew I had to play because all the other strikers in the squad were playing well and scoring goals. I knew

that if I had taken a complete rest I would have been overlooked anyway. I had to give it a go," Wright said.

"I knew the ankle wasn't right but I took painkillers and hoped that once it warmed up it would come good."

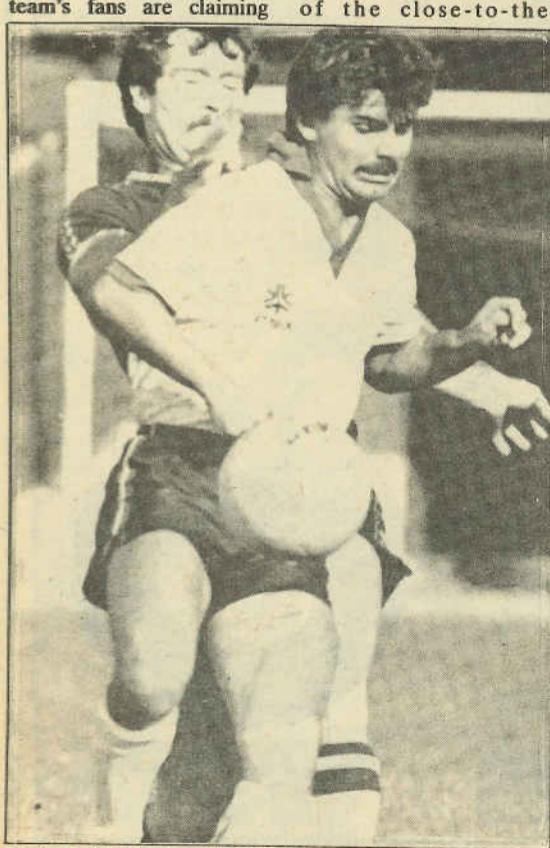
"Looking back now, I wish someone would have told me to forget about playing and rest the injury. But everyone left it up to me to decide if I could play, and of course I kept thinking I could play through the pain."

Despite the setback, Wright is philosophical about his future.

"I think I have learned my lesson about injuries now and at 20 I have time on my side. I want to play for Australia and I hope this is the last of my bad luck."

"What I have to do now is get the ankle completely right then get back into the Lions team and start scoring goals. I will be out to score enough that Frank Arok just can't ignore me."

"It's a big target but if it means wearing the Green and Gold again, then I am prepared to give it my best shot," Wright said.



DEREK TODD is closely marked by Mark Pullen during Newcastle's NSL Cup tie with Leichhardt

KALANTZIS SCORES

SECOND half substitute Chris Kalantzis emerged as the hero in Sydney Olympic's 1-1 draw with Leichhardt before a crowd of 4,029 at Pratten Park.

Kalantzis, who replaced tired Socceroo Marshall Soper in the 76th minute, rose high above the Leichhardt defence to head a pinpoint Peter Raskopoulos cross into goal.

Leichhardt have only themselves to blame for not winning this game.

As Sydney Olympic coach Manfred Schaefer said: "Dropping that point could prove costly

for them towards the end of the competition."

Diminutive striker John Bradley opened the scoring for the visitors after only five minutes after captain Terry Butler provided the lead-up.

Leichhardt had the perfect opportunity to add another goal in the 34th minute.

Striker Kerry Caban broke clear of the Olym-

pic defence but was fouled by Olympic goalie Gary Meier. The attempt by Vic Bozanic hit the crossbar and bounded clear.

ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

Bozanic had the best chance to break the deadlock with two minutes remaining when from five metres his open header at goal flew wide.

Olympic dominated the opening stages of the second half, but as the game wore on it was clear Socceroo Soper, Peter Raskopoulos, Jimmy Patikas and Peter Katholos were feeling the effects of the strenuous World Soccer Series.

Olympic coach Manfred Schaefer praised the defensive effort from his team.

"All the back-four, particularly debut boy George Haniotis and Alex Lambopoulos, excelled. Gary Meier played his usual strong game in goal," he said.

On the other hand, Leichhardt coach Fil Bottalico was disappointed with the chances his team created but didn't utilise.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier, Rogers, Lambopoulos, Haniotis, Coady, Phillips (Kousas 45), Raskopoulos, Patikas, Soper (Kalantzis 76), Katholos, Theodorakopoulos.

LEICHARDT: Parkes, Bozanic, Brown, Bertogna, Pullen, Butler, Bradley, Gray, Caban, Tredinnick, Morsello.

REFEREE: B. Monteverde.

CROWD: 4,029.

CAIRNEY GETS HAT TRICK

THE player Brisbane City gave away for nothing this season, former Airdrie striker Joe Cairney, slammed his critics by netting a hat-trick as Brisbane Lions crushed Sunshine-George Cross 4-2 at Richlands.

Cairney, showing renewed confidence and skill, was too pacy and clever for the Sunshine defenders and could have finished the match with double his tally.

BY GREG RUSSELL

He netted in the 13th, 16th and 54th minutes while Lions other goal came from Calvin Daunt after brilliant lead-up work by John Ogden.

Sunshine's goals came from the MacLaren brothers, Ross and Don.

While Cairney's first goal was a "Johnny-on-the-spot" effort, scooping in the ball from close range after Sunshine keeper Alan Contini missed a Russell Stewart corner, his

others demonstrated the skill he has only rarely shown in the past.

To score his second, Cairney fooled the defence with his famous "shuffle" and wrong-footed two players to slot his shot under Contini.

BRISBANE LIONS: Farrow, Jackson, Charlton, Vasquez, Niven, R. Stewart, J. Stewart, Ogden, McDonagh, Daunt, Cairney.

SUNSHINE: Contini, Bennett, Taylor (Campelj 77), O'Reilly, Richardson, Yuvanovich (DeLuca 74), McGorian, R. McLaren, Toal, D. McLaren, Bain.

REFEREE: B. Monteverde.
CROWD: 900.

REIS LEADS THE WAY

BY NEIL JAMESON

CANBERRA, oozing confidence and commitment, handed out a 4-0 Soccer lesson to Newcastle Rosebuds at Adamstown.

Two-goal hero Alan Reis epitomised a Canberra performance which, although not always stylish, proved that winning the 50-50 ball does provide a decided edge.

It was Reis who, in the 22nd minute, was first to a stray ball in

a packed Newcastle area to score Canberra's second goal.

And on the stroke of full-time, he finished off a chance created by Ian Gibson to rattle in number four.

Newcastle, winners of their four previous

matches at Adamstown, were never in the hunt after the 20th minute when Gibson converted from the penalty spot following a hand ball offence by Mike Boogaard.

Canberra's striking duo of Gibson and Phillips constantly had the Rosebuds central defence under pressure, thus reducing the quality of distribution to the Newcastle midfield.

That factor allowed

Canberra to preserve their lead until half-time and by following the same tactics, they completely dominated the second half.

The industry and resolve of Phil Redmond, Tommy Sermanni and Reis stood in stark contrast to Newcastle's lack of commitment.

In the 88th minute, substitute Mario Perinovic capitalised on the Arrows superiority to beat a hesitant



Mark Pullen of Leichhardt tackled by Olympic's Nick Theodorakopoulos

BRISBANE HOME

BY TOM MCKAIN

BRISBANE CITY grabbed an injury-time goal to beat Adelaide City 2-1 at Olympic Sports Field in a game marred by petty fouls, bookings galore and a player in each side sent off.

Referee Jim Rossis booked Brisbane's Angelo Falco, Bobby Hamilton, Mike Milovanovic, Stephen Glockner and Garry Bromfield, then sent off Frank Pimblett in the 79th minute for a tackle on defender Bugsy Nyskohus.

Adelaide midfielder Steve Maxwell was

banished from the field with two minutes to go when he had words with Rossis. The referee had earlier booked Neville Flounders the Adelaide stopper.

While the swirling wind and wet conditions did not help matters, there were too many late tackles from both teams.

Socceroo and Rangers striker David Mitchell did not guest for Adelaide and is expected to stay off the field and rest his groin injury before returning to Scotland.

Brisbane hit the front after 25 minutes when Frank Mengotti got the ball 25 metres out and hit it down, bouncing it in front of Adelaide keeper Willie McNally who had come out and had no chance as the ball skidded over his body and into the net.

Charlie Villani made it 1-1 in the 46th mi-

nute when he accepted a low cross from the left by substitute Mark Gatenby, steadied himself, and had only to prod the ball in.

Earlier Villani had cleared the ball off the home goal-line, then missed an open goal.

When it looked like a draw, Hamilton shattered the home team in the 92nd minute when he snapped up a bad pass-back by Joe Mullen and beat McNally from close in.

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally, Cecere, Nyskohus, Tobin, Flounders, Melta, Scarpa, Villani, Mullen, Maxwell, Talarico (Gatenby 70).

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart, Fabrizio, Bromfield, Milovanovic, Liddell, Falco (Hughes 70), Swan, Pimblett, Glockner, Hamilton, Mengotti.

REFEREE: J. Rossis.
CROWD: 3,250 (double-header).

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

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AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

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ROUND UP

McPHERSON IS HERO FOR MELITA

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

PARRAMATTA MELITA'S magnificent goalkeeper, Alex McPherson, courageously battled on at Sydney Athletic Field with a broken right wrist, and refused to go off at half-time despite the pain.

Although his side went down 0-2 against Sydney City, if it wasn't for McPherson, the score could have been doubled.

McPherson first injured his wrist in a collision with Sydney City's powerful midfielder Murray Barnes late in the first half.

He aggravated the injury in a second collision, with right-back Jimmy Cant.

McPherson played most of the match using only his left arm as his right one hung limp alongside his body.

"I suffered the injury in those body contacts," McPherson said.

Sydney City bombarded the Melita goal in the first 12 minutes and should have scored on at least three occasions.

Paul Kay shaved the right post with an ang-

led 15 metre drive (fifth minute), and five minutes later Kay and John Kosmina set up Willie Murray with a strong header which McPherson saved brilliantly.

Australian skipper Kosmina followed up in the 12th minute with a crashing header from a Joe Watson free-kick on the right, and again McPherson denied Sydney City.

Sydney City striker Grant Lee busted away deep into Melita territory and crossed to the far post to pick up Murray. Murray headed strongly from three metres out and well on target, only to see his effort kicked off the line by Melita's Kenny Wilson.

Two minutes from the break, Melita's tireless striker, Stuart Johnston, blasted from point-blank range at the target, but his shot was deflected for a corner.

Five minutes after the break, Kosmina scored the first of his two goals after following up a half-blocked shot from fellow striker Graeme Fletcher.

But in the 72nd minute, Melita's Johnston should have scored

when, from a point-blank shot, Sydney City goalkeeper Tony Pezzano was able to knock down the shot and clear danger.

Kosmina nailed down Melita's coffin lid in the 81st minute when he smashed home from 15 metres after a Murray Barnes through-ball.

The injured McPherson denied Sydney City a third goal three minutes from full-time when he pulled off a spectacular one handed save from a Barnes rocket-hit from the right of the box.

Stars in this match were Sydney City centre-back Gerardo Gomez and Kosmina, whilst for Melita, McPherson was "Man of The Match", well-supported by striker Johnston and free-back Wilson.

SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano; Cant (Rodriguez 60), Gomez, Robertson, De Marigny; Watson, Kay (Fletcher 46), Barnes; Kosmina, Lee, Murray.

MELITA: McPherson; McAusland, McGinn, Wilson, Tredinnick; Jamieson, Allan, Davies (McKie 58), Griffiths; Duarte (McDonald 78), Johnston.

REFEREE: R. Lorenc. **CROWD:** 1,100.



Sydney City's Willie Murray climbs above two Melita defenders to head the ball



Parramatta Melita striker Stuart Johnston is tackled by Sydney City centre-back Gerry Gomez

DRAGAN FIRES IN 1-0 WIN

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

A STERLING performance gave Footscray their first victory at home over Green Gully, 1-0, at Schintler Reserve.

Footscray led their opposition throughout the game and displayed some brilliant skills and unmatchable tactics.

Dragan Lacmanovic, Footscray's latest recruit from Red Star, staged a brilliant performance and was unlucky not to have scored on four occasions in the opening half of this action-packed encounter.

Footscray's first scoring opportunity came in the 23rd minute when Lacmanovic connected with a Joe Carroll corner to head towards goal, but Steve Hogben cleared before it crossed the goal-line.

Six minutes later, Jim Williams stretched fully to clear another header on target by Lacmanovic.

Seconds before full-time, again Lacmanovic beat Green Gully's defence but his final shot rebounded off Lou Denys' body for a corner.

Lacmanovic led his side forward in the second half and in the 55th minute he unleashed a powerful shot from a Vlatko Belic square pass, but Denys excelled in tipping the ball over the crossbar.

The winning goal was scored in the 64th minute by Belic.

Zdravko Lujic spilled the ball forward along the touchline, out-paced Green Gully's defence and floated into the area where Lacmanovic touched it down for the roving Belic, whose first-time shot hit the back of the net.

Green Gully had only two shots at goal throughout the game, both by Les Carter.

Even in the last 15 minutes when Footscray allowed them into the game, they failed to penetrate the solid defence of the home team that was led throughout by McDowell

and Kyriakouleas.

FOOTSCRAY: Boland, McDowell, Hazabent, Kyriakouleas, Curovic, Belic, Karic, Carroll, Lacmanovic (Caban 89), O'Donnell, Lujic.

GREEN GULLY: Denys, Williams.

REFEREE: C. Bambridge. **CROWD:** 1,000.

SOUTH WERE TOO STRONG

BY TOM MCKAIN

THE match between West Adelaide and South Melbourne in the double-header at Olympic Sports Field was over in seven minutes.

That's how long it took the Victorians to go two goals up on their way to a 2-1 win.

Alan Davidson sent over a cross from the right and Doug Brown rammed it home in the fifth minute, then Charlie Egan shot and hit the post and when the ball rebounded midfielder Ken Murphy was there in the seventh minute.

The latter had to come off the field after 58 minutes with blood streaming from a suspected broken nose and when he departed South began to fall apart.

With their six Socceroos playing — Murphy, Brown, Egan, Davidson, Blair and Crino — South had started like world-beaters and West were lost in a sea of white shirts but late in the second half West almost pulled off a draw.

Theo Stamatopoulos, who had gone on for midfeilder Steve Papadopoulos, pulled a goal back with a great volley from the right in the 86th minute.

South struck again through Brown twice, only to see West keeper Gary Sproul come out and thwart his powerful shots.

The first clear chance at goal for West had not come until the 82nd minute when Peter Laumets had to stop a shot which George Konstandopoulos hit on the turn.

Referee Tony Martell booked West's Chris Manou, Neil McGachey, Steve Atsalas and Papadopoulos plus John Yzendoorn from South in a game the Victorians would have won with ease had it not been for Sproul in the West goal and the injury to Murphy.

WEST ADELAIDE: Sproul, Papazoglou (Brown 45), McGregor, McGachey, Honeyman, Manou, Konstandopoulos, Panagis, Malavozos, Atsalas, Papadopoulos (Stamatopoulos 84).

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets, Russell, Davidson, Blair, Kalafatidis, Haldorff, Yzendoorn, Crino, Egan, Brown, Murphy (Tiakos 55).

REFEREE: T. Martell. **CROWD:** 3,250 (double-header).

CROATIA THANK JOZO FOR WIN

BY DAVID BECK

MELBOURNE CROATIA midfielder Jozo Antolovic halted Preston's advance to the top of the NSL with an opportunist goal at Olympic Park.

Antolovic volleyed home from a corner in the first half to give Croatia a 1-0 win over much-fancied Preston.

The game was a lacklustre affair that gave the 3,500 supporters very little to enthuse about.

Croatia's win was their first under new manager-coach Tony

Vrzina.

Both coaches, Vrzina and Preston's Peter Ollerton, blamed the four-week interruption of the championship for the mediocre performance of their sides.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Blasby, Curcio, Parton, Deankovic (Lewis 87), Hannah, Antolovic, Biskic, Go-

jevic, Cumming, Markovac (Campbell 88), Brogan.

PRESTON: Potter, Opasinas, Petrovski, McMillan, Dunn, Dobson (Balevski 78), Ilioski, Odzakov, Cole, Heys, Lucchesi (Cotevski 45).

PENRITH: Gibson;

Brogan, Hale, Cross, McIntosh; Wotherspoon, Campbell, Fitzharris; Easthorpe (Hunter 69), Cotton, Jackson.

R E F E R E E : J. Fokianos. **CROWD:** 3,500. **R E F E R E E :** P. Rampley. **CROWD:** 811.

ROUND UP



DEMONS GIVEN A THRASHING

SAYS TOM ANDERSON

THE touch of Socceroo coach Frank Arok was evident once again when St George thrashed Blacktown City 4-0 at St George Stadium.

Arok, fresh from his triumphs with the Socceroos turned his talents to the domestic scene and again came out a winner.

He pulled all the correct strings in Saints tactics to

leave Blacktown in a sorry mess.

With veteran striker Dez Marton sitting in the stand with a strained hamstring, it was thought Saints would have a goal-scoring problem against a tough-tackling Blacktown defence.

But three goals in the space of nine minutes in the first half from Mark Barton (28th minute), David Batten (35th) and Andy Koczka (37th) soon dispelled these doubts.

Koczka added a second in the 86th minute to ram home Saints superiority.

Blacktown were never in the hunt: in fact the scoreline flattened them.

This was a fine team effort by Saints whose

tactics were immaculate.

ST GEORGE: Greedy; Skeen, Ratcliffe, M. O'Shea, J. O'Shea; Stone, Barton, Ricoy (Petkovski 65); Slater, Koczka, Batten (Danaskos 86).

BLACKTOWN: Hoare; Wheatley, Dunleavy, Pointer, Shaw (Quarmby 45); Selvage, Byrne, Sandy (Welbourne 62); Larkin, Mountford, McLaughlin.

REFEREE: D. Rennie.
CROWD: 1,356.

Blacktown City's new striker, Bob Mountford (left), made his debut for the Demons against St George. He is challenged by St George stopper Mike O'Shea.



IT WAS BORING!

BY PHIL MURPHY

WOLLONGONG CITY and Sydney Croatia produced 90 minutes of boredom before Croatia scrambled home 1-0 at Wollongong Showground.

Watched by a meagre crowd of 786, the game was a shocking advertisement for the NSL.

Both teams lacked imagination and play was confined to the midfield for long periods before Croatia broke the deadlock after 65 minutes.

Even then, the Wollongong players protested to referee Gary Power that Graham Arnold was offside when he took a pass from David Rezo to put the ball in the net.

Wollongong had to wait until the 82nd minute to create their only real scoring chance, with full-back Peter Willis hitting a first-time shot from a Zivko Hristovski cross.

Willis' shot was pushed around the

post for a corner by Croatia goalkeeper Steve Watson.

Wollongong coach Adrian Alston once again said he was very disappointed with his team, and added they did miss midfielder Larry Gaffney and striker Peter Beggs, who were out injured.

WOLLONGONG: Vardareff, Willis, Vlietstra, Hristovski, Fleming, Condron (Canvin 75), Kotamanidis, Bandal, Green, Fontana, Dickson.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Watson, Woods, Tomasic, Kovacic (Meades 85), Drinkwater, Sterrey, Clinch, Savor, Arnold, Boden (Godzik 65), Rezo.

REFEREE: G. Power.
CROWD: 786.

BERGERS' REVENGE

BY CHARLES JORDAN

HEIDELBERG staged a brilliant performance to avenge their 2-3 defeat by Brunswick

Juventus earlier in the championship with a comfortable 3-0 win at Olympic Village.

Although seriously hampered by the absence

of their two target-men, Steve Wynn and Scott Patterson — both suspended for two weeks — Heidelberg scored twice in the first half to secure the two points that hoisted them to first

position.

Socceroo Charlie Yankos set Heidelberg

on their path to victory with the first goal in the 14th minute.

Yankos calmly converted the penalty awarded to Heidelberg

Juventus responded physically and tried to contain their opponents by strength.

However, Heidelberg managed to net

their second goal through Tzitzis right on half-time to practically wipe out the plans of their opposition for a second-half recovery.

Juventus lost central defender John Dowie and coach John Margaritis, both of whom were sent off by the referee —

Dowie for hard tackling on Theo Selemidis and Margaritis for protesting against the referee's decision.

First half substitute Mike Petersen completed the scoring in the dying seconds.

HEIDELBERG: Olver, McKie, Marley (Metaxas 75), Angele, Yankos, McLeod,

Selemidis, Gabrielson, Salvo (Petersen 40), Tzitzis, Valentine.

JUVENTUS: Keogh, Geremia, Swinscoe, Dowie, Rogers, Campbell, Cullen, Lloyd, Sweeney, Ward, Zanni.

REFEREE: S. Zoumas.
CROWD: 3,500.



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WRONG HEADLINES FOR UNITED BOSS

MANCHESTER UNITED boss Ron Atkinson has been making huge headlines ever since he returned from his club's Australian tour ... but they're not the sort of headlines he enjoys.

Atkinson has left his wife, Margaret, on the eve of their 24th wedding anniversary ... and gone off with his mistress!

It is almost a carbon copy of the Tommy Docherty story at the same Manchester United club.

When The Doc went off with Mary Brown, wife of United's physio, it cost him his job as manager.

It seems this fate will not befall Ron Atkinson.

United chairman Martin Edwards said: "I told Ron he had a contract with Manchester United and, as far as I am concerned, that is still the case.

"It is a personal matter and has nothing whatever to do with the club."

Tommy Docherty said: "I am glad Ron isn't getting the sack over this affair."

"What happens in football is no different from what happens in industry, the House of Commons, any walk of life."

"We are talking about human frailties and football managers are no different from anyone else."

"I had the best job in football but my fault was to fall in love with a beautiful woman," added The Doc.

This is the sort of unwelcome publicity Manchester United manager Ron Atkinson has had to live with since he returned to England from United's Australian trip. The Page One story in the DAILY STAR is typical of many



Mrs. Atkinson ... Ron told her just before their 24th wedding anniversary

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BY JOHN
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In handing over a cheque for \$20,000, Lemair's national sales manager, Mr Harry Marr, said: "The Saints have always had stable management and have constantly encouraged junior development.

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gressive club and we decided that we would to join forces with them.

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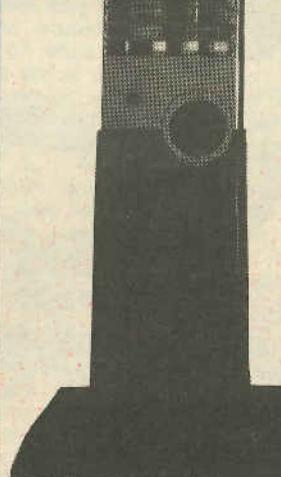


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St George Sports Committee member and the man responsible for securing the Lemair deal, Mr Anthony Balaszi, said: "We are very proud and grateful to Lemair for their support.

"We sincerely hope

that our association will be a lasting relationship and St George will do everything in its power to justify Lemair's faith in us."

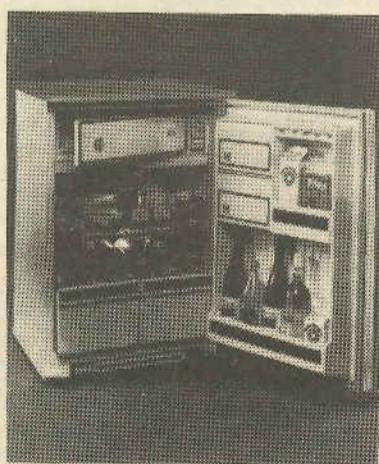
The St George Soccer club has built up an impressive syndicate of sponsors for 1984, including Peerless Industries, Gold Thimble Whisky, McLeod Ford of Rockdale, Lotto, Jardine Insurances, Bettina Glass, Kent Insurance and Pongrass Industries.

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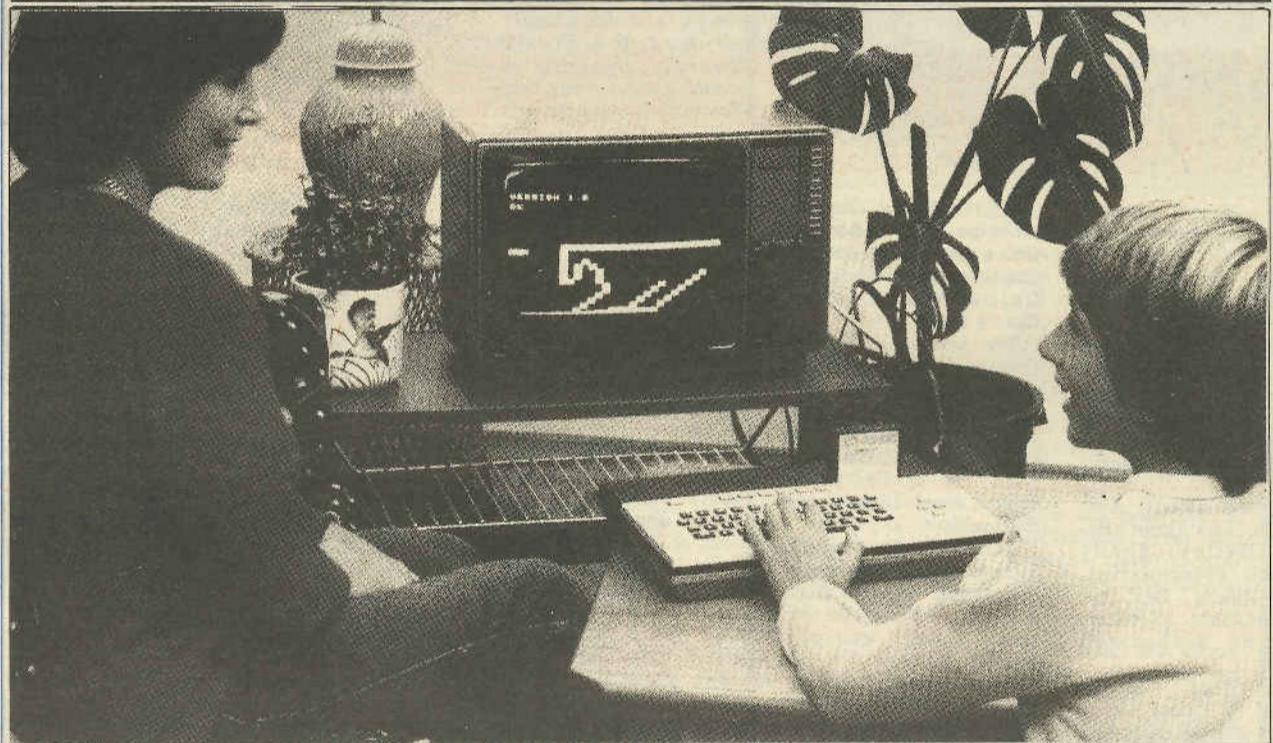
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STATES DECIDE BEST TEAMS

WOMEN'S Soccer Federations throughout Australia recently held their State titles.

NORTHERN NSW held their titles at Armidale in the lofty New England district.

Played at the University of New England's fields, the players enjoyed superb conditions, with snappy mornings rounding out to superb days for Soccer.

Northern NSW conduct their championships on a points basis, and due to equal points in the senior division, a replay between UNE and Central Coast had to take place.

The replay was fought out on the Monday morning, with the Uni side winning 3-1.

The results of the three divisions were:

Open: 1. UNE (Armidale), 2. Central Coast; U17: 1. Macquarie (Newcastle), 2. Central Coast; U15: 1. Macquarie, 2. Central Coast.

With the UNE winning the championship, it has sparked great interest in the Armidale district and a women's Soccer movement is sure to start in the town.

DON BALMAIN'S

WOMEN'S SOCCER

The State teams were announced as follows:

Senior squad: Renaye Iserief, Karen Menzies, Julie Porter, Robyn Bennet, Helen Watts (Central Coast), Janelle Renshaw, Heather Gordon, Penny Miller (Tumworth), Alison Templeman, Gerry Prosser, (Far North Coast), Kym Drayton, Lisa Dunn, Belinda Bailey, Shelly Bagwell (Macquarie), Keryn Zirkler, Bev Parson, Barbara Webster, Monique Sutherland (UNE).

The team will be coached by Lionel Sneyd, and the manageress is Mrs Barbara White.

U15: Julie Gain, Jane Burgess, Susan Meek, Debbie Ellercamp, Tania White, Angela Crosbie (Macquarie), Kathy Whaley, Janita White (Tumworth), Cathy Quinlan, Simone Pool (UNE), Katrina Barsby, Belinda Woodward, Debbie Hatfield, Joanne Weiland, Michelle Clayburn, Toni Rideout (Central Coast).

The coach is Austin Butler and the manageress is Mrs Lyndall Wawley.

NORTHERN TERRITORY titles were held in Darwin on a fine, dry, NT winter weekend, with the temperature hovering around 32 degrees.

The Alice Springs Association sent up three teams to contest the junior and senior titles.

Conducted diffe-

rently to other State titles, the NT championship was based on a round-robin points basis over three rounds.

The junior titles were won by the Alice Springs 'A' side, whilst the senior title returned to Darwin this year.

The senior State squad for the Northern Territory is: Leona Schirmer, Dianne Ellis, Judy Easterway, Dulsie Casimiro, Rachael McDinny, Karen Schifield, Anna Almeda, Evonne Errington, Deanna Celani, Kathy Solien, Roslyn Solien, Samantha Peters (Darwin), Connie Reilly, Lisa Drew, Samantha Drew, Tania Dyer, Mandy George, Fionna Stokes (Alice Springs).

The following girls have been asked to train on: Sarah Cooper, Marie Green (Darwin), Vera Williams, Dianne MacArelli, Nicole Green (Alice Springs).

The coach is Eddie Sepulveda, with Sandra Ford as assistant coach.

QUEENSLAND'S championships got underway with a march-past and an opening ceremony on the Caloundra Soccer Club's fields.

The Sunshine Coast of Queensland was very much a misnomer.

Rain did not let-up until the Monday of the long weekend, and constant use of the fields made it very hard going for the teams.

Brisbane Open and Sunshine Coast were the teams in the first semi-final, followed by Gold Coast against Mackay.

Brisbane Open breezed through their match 5-1.

In the other semi-final, neither team could get on top and the match went to extra-time, with Gold Coast winning 1-0.

In the final, Brisbane Open took advantage of the Gold Coast girls' extra effort in the semi, and had no trouble in taking the championship 6-0.

The Queensland squad is: Kaye O'Sullivan, Stephanie McMahon, Charmaine Wass, Sue Monteath, Lyn Geddes, Kerry Millman, Julie Dolan, Joanne Millman, Laine Thorne, Lyn Spencer, Lisa Hadley, Michelle Sawyers, Lyn Lang, Sue Clayton, Tracey Smith, Jenny Cummings (Brisbane Open), Kym Dunlop, Katrina Paley, Vanessa Clayton, Kayleen Jannsen (Brisbane Youth), Linda Gill (Bundaberg), Debbie Grazier, Karen Stacey (Sunshine Coast).

WORLD CUP FOR WOMEN

President of FIFA Joao Havelange, speaking at the 49th South American Soccer Federation conference recently, said there will be a Women's Soccer World Cup in 1987.

Although details are not available at this time, the venue will be Japan.

INDOOR DONATION

A REPRESENTATIVE of the Indoor Soccer organisation, Ray Ashton, of the Bankstown City Seventh Committee, has announced that their organisation would be donating \$300 towards the cost of the China trip by the national women's team.

READERS FORUM

In this spot every week, we shall publish extracts from readers' letters — good or bad! If you want your opinions aired, please keep letters and postcards short and to the point. Write to The Editor, AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, PO Box 406, Broadway, 2007.

REFEREES

HAVING just witnessed the "rebirth" of an Australian national team in the mould of the successful 1974 World Cup squad and thoroughly enjoyed the World Soccer Series, I would like to bring one disturbing aspect to your attention.

Together with a number of friends, I have been a frequent visitor to international games in Melbourne and Sydney for over 17 years. For most of that time we have been confused, frustrated and angered by local referees handling these games.

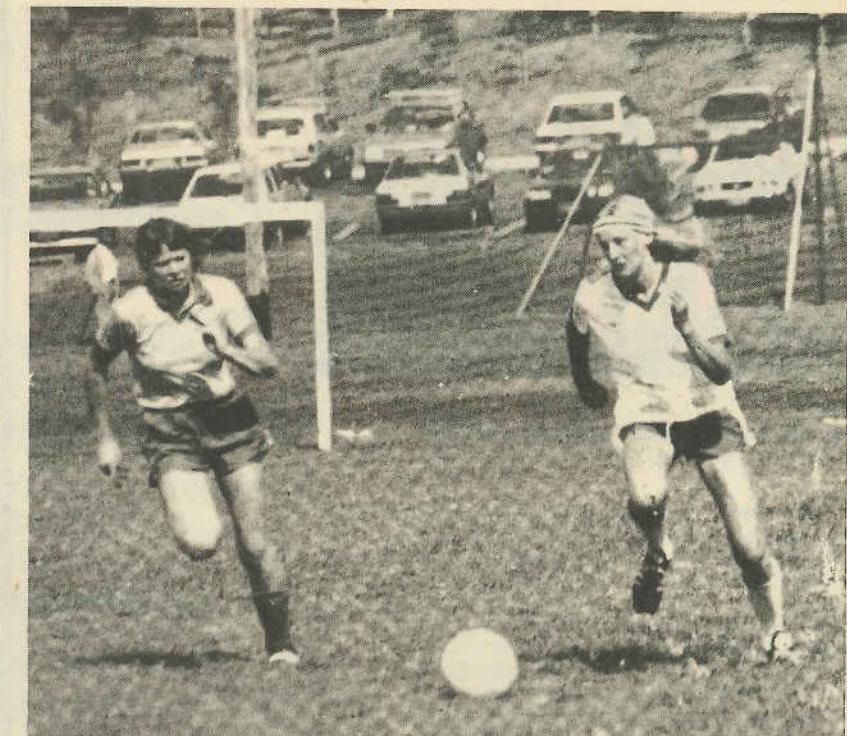
The Juventus-Australia game finally produced the ultimate, and even the most dedicated Juve fans at the MCG must have been wondering why they were not informed about the latest amendments to FIFA rules, eg. boxing, hair pulling, etc.

This prompts me to ask the ASF and/or the Australian Soccer Referees Association, the following questions:

A. Why is it that for years overseas players escape the ultimate punishment (red card) after committing the most blatant fouls on our grounds?

B. Why are Australian teams being warned for minor infringements, while overseas stars manage to take the law in their own hands and leave marks on our players' faces that make you believe they had just come out of a 15-round heavyweight bout?

C. What justifies some of our top (?) referees turning a blind eye to the actions of some big stars, for which the FIFA rule book has only one simple answer — an early



Carole Proctor, the dashing left winger for the Killarney Metrop side

ous opponents with tremendous courage and in the true Australian fighting spirit.

We all look forward to next year's World Cup elimination games and we also will greatly appreciate the presence of an international overseas referee, who no doubt will give us a well-deserved "fair go".

ERNE KESSLER, Burnley, Vic.

SOLUTIONS

HAVING played, supported and watched Soccer for many years, and knowing that it is the only national football game, it is to my continuing consternation to have seen the game floundering and never really gaining public support. Why?

I ask myself ... more children participate in this sport nationally than any other team game ... on a senior level our players are as physically fit as those from European teams. Why then this tourniquet on the natural flow of the Soccer young bloods through to SKILFUL ability in senior Soccer?

I have come to the following conclusions and offer my humble solutions.

1. Physical fitness alone is no criteria to Soccer glory. Many times while watching National League Soccer

I have witnessed skilful players "hacked down" and bundled from the ball. Many of these

GAME DAMAGING tackles come from behind often perpetrated by a beaten player out of spite.

Solution — tackling from behind should be penalised. In time, play will be kept flowing.

2. Open, attacking goalscoring football is SERIOUSLY IMPEDED by the GAME

DAMAGING strict application of the "offside" rule. How many

countless times have we all witnessed fine attacking build-ups put to the sword of the linesman's flag? One can only

wonder, with dismay, how many goals could have been scored had the linesman and referee looking across the field blown the whistle on minute

timing "miscalculations" by an attacking, goal-destined play-

er. This is frustrating to players and spectators — the game needs more goals!

Solution — a complete reassessment of the offside rule. In its present form it retards the game of Soccer and goals. If the offside rule can't be dropped competently, more leeway should be given, as regards distance involved when a player is offside. If it were

scrapped completely, the responsibility would be on a defender marking a lingering striker or more work expected of an often underworked goalkeeper.

I throw these suggestions into the arena of debate because I believe Soccer in Australia should be where it belongs — at the top!

JOHN S. NIDDIE, Charlestown, NSW.

THOSE KICKS

I AM 19 and have been a keen Soccer supporter for years. For one year I was a referee in the Granville Districts Soccer Football Association.

Like 24,285 other people, I went to the SCG to see Manchester United and Juventus. Although the match failed to bring goals in normal time, and most of the spectators were dissatisfied with the game, both teams showed an abundance of individual skill.

The one thing that spoilt the event was the unfair and illegal way that the penalty shootout was taken. Every single kick made by United was preceded by a number of illegal steps by the Juventus keeper. The rules of Soccer state that:

"If, after the referee has given the signal for the kick to be taken, and before the ball has been kicked, the goalkeeper moves his feet ... it shall be retaken, if a goal is not scored."

The fifth United kick was saved by Tacconi, after he had moved his feet. The referee Peter Rampley took no notice of the linesman, who appeared to be signalling that Tacconi had moved his feet.

The result? An unjust 5-4 win to Juventus. Well done Gary Bailey for attempting to save the ball legally; and a raspberry to referee Peter Rampley.

CHRIS WICHELOW, Winston Hills, NSW.



PETER RAMPLEY

FRED DAYNEY

ON the Queen's Birthday weekend, I passed a Soccer ground at Toongabbie where a game was in progress. When I asked who was playing they told me it was a Maltese select XI against West United in the Inter-Urban League.

After further discussion, I found out that this Maltese XI is prepared by ex-Maltese international and ex-Auburn half-back, Fred Dayney. This team will be playing in an eight-nation tournament at the Gabbie Stadium at the end of the season.

I remember Fred playing for Auburn. One game that stays in my mind was at Mona Park in front of a record crowd at this oval of 11,000, Auburn played Prague and what a game it was. What skills this man had, I doubt if we ever saw a full-back in the same class.

I would appreciate if you could tell me who the organisers are for this tournament.

JIM MURPHY, Sydney, NSW.

CHIT CHAT



SEVEN players from St George's 1981 State League Grand Final-winning squad are now playing NSL football with other clubs — while only three remain with the Saints three years later. TOP ROW: DENNIS DUARTE (Parramatta Melita), HOWARD HADLEY (not playing), PETER TERRY (Sutherland), BILLY GRIFFITHS (Parramatta Melita), JOHN RUSSELL (not playing), JIMMY TUNTEVSKI (Rockdale). MIDDLE ROW: VILLY KANACKI (Yugoslavia), DEZ MARTON (St George), MARK BARTON (St George), DAVE McINTOSH (Penrith City), PETER STONE (St George), BARRY WALKER (Queens Park). BOTTOM ROW: PAUL KAY (Sydney City), STEVE McDONALD (Parramatta Melita), MIKE FRASER (not playing), DON SMITH (not playing), ERNIE CAMPBELL (North Bankstown), PETER BEGGS (Wollongong City), JOHN DAVIES (Parramatta Melita).

SCOTLAND 80 v AUSTRALIA 27.

No, that isn't a Soccer scoreline but it was the score in a snooker game played between four members of the Australian "A" squad.

The Australian team of Steve O'Connor and Tony Pezzano were humbled by the Scottish connection of Ken Murphy and Joe Watson.

NEWCASTLE'S John McQuarrie, who managed to shake off a bad knee injury to make himself available for NSL selection, has spent more time warming the bench than actually playing.

McQuarrie was one of the form midfielders in Newcastle's early-season run, but United's recent hot spell has made it hard for him to break back into the team.

"It's great to watch the side winning," said McQuarrie, "but I'd enjoy it more if I was playing."

Newcastle has had such an injury-free run of late that there have been few opportunities for either McQuarrie or the talented Andy Johns to get a crack at first-team football.

AUSTRALIA "B" defender Con Opasinis, who is of Greek background, plays for Macedonian-backed club Preston in Melbourne in preference to Greek-supported clubs.

Opasinis, one of Australia's up-and-coming defenders, has been with the club for eight years.

"I joined the club because it was close to home and I didn't have to travel far to train. I still enjoy playing for them," Opasinis said.

SPIRO HANTZIS and ex-Socceroo and World Cup captain John Warren have two things in common.

Hantzis, who plays for Canterbury-Marrickville in the NSW State League, the club Warren started his career with, also attended the same high school as Warren — Cleveland St Boys High.

After the recent game between Australia and Iraklis, Hantzis met his hero.

ONE of Greece's most popular comedians, Harry Klinn, was a special guest at the Marrickville Olympic Soccer Club last week.

Klinn is on a par with world known singer Elton John, as both are involved with European first division clubs.

Elton John is chairman of 1984 FA Cup finalists Watford and Klinn is president of Greek club Apollon Callimaria.

Also in attendance at the function, which was sponsored by ASW, Hellenic Herald and New Country newspapers, were visiting Greek side Iraklis.

MARCONI coach Les Scheinflug is critical of the NSL's ruling that only two substitutes can sit on the bench.

Scheinflug would like to see the rule changed to allow clubs to have a goalkeeper in reserve, in addition to two field players.

The reasoning behind two substitutes is to keep travel costs down, but with the number of games involving teams from the one city under the NSL set-up, clubs should be permitted to sit three players on the bench.

ST GEORGE'S 1981 SQUAD



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

QUEENSLAND youngster Jon Burgess, who has gained an apprenticeship with English Second Division club Wimbleton, wants to play for the Young Socceroos.

Burgess, 17, said he would be asking for a release clause in any contract he signs with the newly-promoted club when he returns to England next month.

Burgess, a skilful midfielder, is a former member of the Queensland Under 16 and 18 sides. He missed this year's U19 National Championships in Canberra by a week as he had to stay in London to play for Wimbleton in the Southern Counties Juniors cup.

WOLLONGONG CITY tested a new ground when they played Leichhardt at Towradgi Park.

final against West Ham at Upton Park.

"I followed the Young Socceroos in Mexico last year and it has always been my aim to play for them.

"I just hope because I am playing overseas I won't be forgotten when it comes to picking the team for the qualifying matches," Burgess said.

WOLLONGONG CITY tested a new ground when they played Leichhardt at Towradgi Park.

booked by Illawarra Steelers.

Towradgi Park is the home base of the progressive Fernhill club and they have worked hard on its development in recent years.

REMEMBER South Coast United identities Trevis Birch and Jim Harris?

Birch was secretary of the club when 30,000 fans watched them beat APIA 4-0 in the 1963 Grand Final and Harris played centre-half that day.

They teamed up with Wollongong City coach Adrian Alston and his assistant Terry Hurley for a quiet drink at Wol-

longong RSL.

After reminiscing about the old days, they combined to put a few dollars in a poker machine and struck a \$1,000 jackpot.

"I'll have a chat with them anytime," said Hurley as he counted out his \$250 on the way out of the club.

"AN experience I'll never forget, it was great."

These are the words of former South Australian Sports Institute player Graham McMillan, now touring Europe with the Australian Institute of Sport.

Graham took up the offer to attend the Institute in Canberra in February.

Graham also mentioned the experience of playing against such youth teams as Nottingham Forest, Ipswich, Luton Town, Borussia Dortmund, Fortuna Dusseldorf, Real Madrid and Real Sociedad was absolutely out of this world.

Playing in the fantastic home of Borussia Dortmund, before a big crowd and hearing the Australian national anthem was a great experience, added Graham.

NEWCASTLE fans were heartened to see Clint Gosling back in goal after a rare spell on the sidelines.

It was thought a detached piece of bone that was causing his knee to lock would require surgery. However, manipulative treatment moved the fragment from the joint, allowing Clint to run freely again.

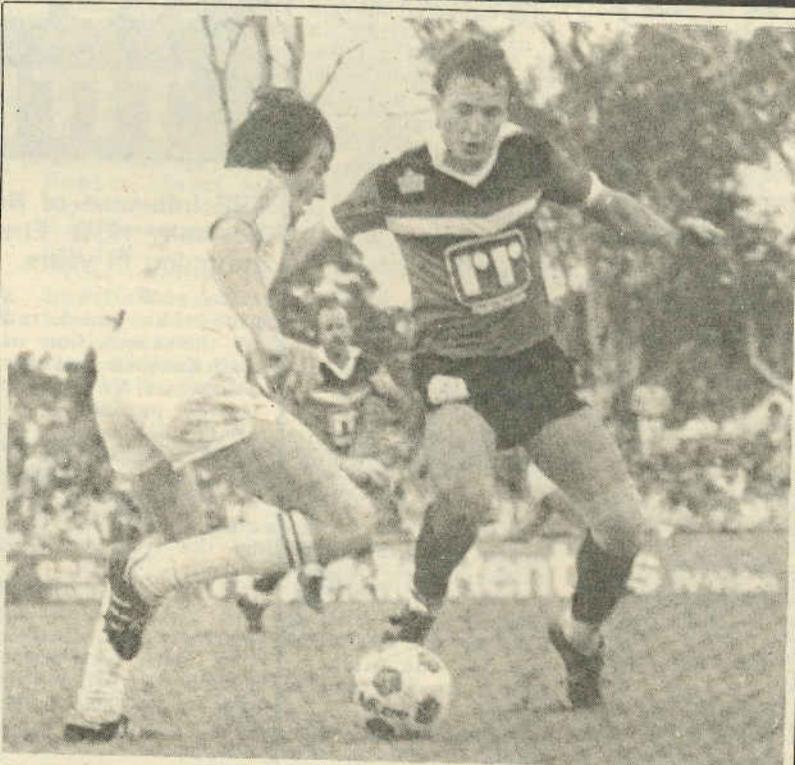
"The only problem is," says Clint, "the piece of bone could move back into the joint at any time.

"I'll just have to keep my fingers crossed that it doesn't lock up during a game."

BRUCE JAMES, who took a bad knock at Marconi on Sunday, is making excellent progress under the keen eye of goalkeeping great and former Socceroo star Ron Corry, according to club coach Les Scheinflug.

And watch for Martin Driene, 17, signed this year from Moorebank juniors in the Southern Districts Association.

Driene did well in Cup matches and has a real edge by being able to fill any field position.



TONY RASMUSSEN (right) closes down Sydney Olympic's Marshall Soper

KNEES are not the most popular topic of conversation at Blacktown City these days.

Phil O'Connor has been out since the early rounds of the NSL with a knee injury that has not responded to treatment.

Two other Demons, Tony Rasmussen and Mike Berry, are in plaster after receiving knee injuries in Blacktown's NSL Cup loss to Adelaide City.

Left-back Rasmussen, 23, made a comeback after recover-

ing from a serious knee injury eight weeks earlier.

In his return to National League football, he added much strength to the Blacktown backline, and his attacking forays gave an extra dimension to the attack.

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COUNTRY SCHOOLS COVET COMMONWEALTH BANK CUP

BY CHS CONVENOR GARETH WILLIAMS

THE Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup for NSW High School teams can be fairly claimed to be the biggest knockout competition of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere.

This year, 280 schools entered state-wide, with devoted teachers giving their time and expertise to foster Soccer in NSW.

The Cup (formerly the Tasman Cup) started out with only 26 entrant schools and has grown remarkably.

The Commonwealth Bank must be thanked for their financial support for this most prestigious event of the schools Soccer calendar.

From the enthusiasm engendered by the Cup

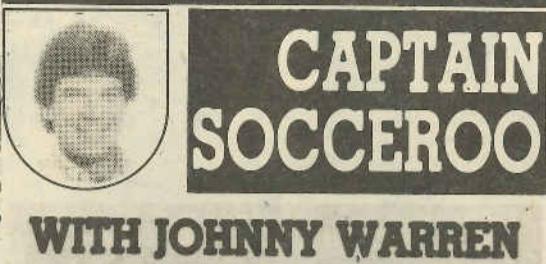
come the State Carnival, the Australian Championships and occasionally international fixtures.

This year's knockout is progressing well. The 1983 finalists Kadina (Lismore) once again are advancing through the preliminaries with strong displays, but Cup holders Kogarah were knocked out by Belmore Boys high.

Watch for the progress of twice-winners Keira Boys High (Wollongong), the strong

Hunter Region teams, and the skilful Cabramatta and Punchbowl.

This year's final is to be played on Thursday night August 17.



BANK C'WEALTH CUP RESULTS

THIRD ROUND: St Johns Park 2 d Bankstown 0, Pendle Hill 2 d Cumberland 0, James Meehan 3 d Alrids 1, Canterbury Boys 2 d Sylvania 1, Belmore 1 (3 pens) d Kogarah 1 (1 pen).



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FAVoured TWO MISS SEMIS

BY PETER RUSSELL

THE three teams to join Marconi in the semi-finals of the National Youth League Cup were decided in the final round of the round-robin series.

In Group A, the two favourites, Olympic and Blacktown, missed out when Olympic only managed to take one point from leaders Croatia at Pratten Park and the Demons were comfortably beaten 2-0 by the Saints.

In Canberra, the Arrows leap-frogged into the semis with a crushing 6-0 victory over Penrith.

In Group B, Marconi retained the lead despite being beaten 3-2 at home by old rivals Leichhardt, whilst Newcastle grabbed second spot with a desperate draw with Melita Eagles, who had to play with 10 men for the whole of the second half.

At Adamstown Oval on Saturday, it was a fairly even game between the Rosebuds and the Eagles until the 38th minute

when Terry Mason headed the Rosebuds into the lead.

Within three minutes, the Rosebuds had a goal attempt disallowed and yet another cleared off the line, whilst the Eagles had midfielder John Barrios sent from the field for persistent misconduct.

In the second half the Eagles came out firing and despite only having 10 men completely dominated the fiery half which saw five other players booked. Melita got their reward in the 72nd minute when Craig Williams levelled the scores, but try as they did they were unlucky not to score that elusive second goal.

In a scoreless first half at St George Stadium in the match between the Saints and the Demons, play flowed from end to end

but with neither side really getting on top.

Chris Polias was always a danger up-front for the Saints, while Clive Eaton did the same job for the Demons.

After the break the Saints gradually took control and opened their account in the 48th minute with a scorching 25 metre drive from John Svynos.

Steve Zantides scored their second from the penalty spot after Polias had been pulled down inside the area.

In a game that Olympic desperately needed to win to qualify for the semi-finals, Croatia dominated but failed to convert their superiority into goals.

Croatia turned on the football in the second half, looking dangerous every time they moved forward, producing attack after attack, but Olympic keeper Peter Wilson kept the scoresheet blank.

In Canberra, the Arrows stormed into the semi-finals with a crushing victory over the Penrith Panthers.

The livewire Arrows

never let the Panthers settle down and led by two goals at half-time through Manis Lamond and Braden Shields.

The duo added one each to their tallies in the second half and Andrew Young and Claudio Gioffetelli put the icing on the cake.

In the top-versus-bottom clash of Group B, old rivals Marconi and Leichhardt turned on an entertaining match with five goals being scored.

Leichhardt gained their first victory in the Cup, came back from 0-2 down to win this exciting encounter 3-2.

The Slickers, back to full strength, annihilated Wollongong Wolves 9-1.

Alex Bottalico grabbed three, while John Foxman took great delight in scoring four against his old club, including three headers. Peter Falconer got the other two for the Slickers with a free-kick and a penalty.

Pairings for the semi-finals played on the weekend of September 1-2 are: Croatia v Newcastle and Canberra v Marconi.

GROUP 'A'

| | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|-----------|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Croatia | 3 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 7 |
| Canberra | 2 | 1 | 2 | 16 | 10 | 5 |
| Olympic | 1 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 7 | 5 |
| St George | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 8 | 5 |
| Blacktown | 2 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 11 | 5 |
| Penrith | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 9 | 3 |

GROUP 'B'

| | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---------------|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Marconi | 3 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 4 | 7 |
| Newcastle | 3 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 7 |
| Sydney City | 2 | 1 | 2 | 17 | 12 | 5 |
| Melita Eagles | 2 | 1 | 2 | 12 | 11 | 5 |
| Leichhardt | 1 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 11 | 3 |
| Wollongong | 1 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 15 | 3 |

NEXT WEEK'S MATCHES

(Sunday July 1)

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Canberra v Newcastle | 12.45 pm Bruce Stadium |
| Marconi v Croatia | 12.45 pm Marconi Stadium |
| Melita v Sydney City | 12.45 pm Melita Stadium |
| Penrith v Bl'ktnw | 12.30 pm Cook Pk., St Marys |
| St George v AIS | 12.45 pm St George Stadium |
| Wollongong v Leichhardt | 12.45 pm W'gong Sh. Grd |

TWO THROUGH TO AMPOL QUARTERS

BY GREG RUSSELL

TWO non-Premier League clubs have managed to win their way through to the quarter-finals of Queensland's Ampol Cup knockout competition.

Intermediate League sides Brisbane Lions and Valley Trident won their first round matches convincingly and now are the "minnows" among the Premier League sides.

Lions, rated by many as dark-horses for the Cup, swept into the quarter-finals by crushing Intermediate League side Sunnyside 3-0.

It was not so easy for Valley Trident, as they trailed Taringa by a goal at half-time before staging a storming finish to win 3-1.

The other first round matches, which followed a 13-match qualifying round, went as expected.

The three country qualifiers bowed out of the competition, but not before two gave their Brisbane opponents a real scare.

Bundaberg were the unluckiest of the country sides and lost on penalties for the second consecutive year, and even more coincidentally by 6-5 after a 1-1 scoreline.

Townsville almost caused the sensation of the round when they led Cup holders Ipswich 2-0 for much of the first half.

But Ipswich scored just before the break then poured on the pressure in the second period to take the game 3-2.

Coalstars had the biggest win of the round, easily accounting for Toowoomba 6-0.

Other results saw Mount Gravatt beat An-

nerley 2-0, although the amateurs put up a fighting second half performance, Wynnum edge out Rochedale 2-1, and Acacia Ridge brush aside Brisbane City 3-0.

The next round of the Cup will be played on July 7-8 and for the first time ever the pairings have been decided through a public out-of-the-hat draw.

QSF PLAN FOR RETURN OF NSL PAIR

THE Queensland Soccer Federation has made contingencies to allow for the quick return to the local competition for Brisbane City and Lions if the rumoured collapse of the National League becomes a reality.

Although NSL officials have strongly denied the future of their competition is in jeopardy, the QSF obviously is not as confident.

While the QSF constitution has always provided for the City and Lions first teams to come back from the NSL, the Federation Management Committee has now defined a clear passage back into the Premier League — the State's top competition — for the two clubs.

The door has been swung wide open through several key clauses included in notices of motion which are to be considered at a special general meeting at Perry Park on July 3.

The meeting primarily is to constitutionalise re-structuring changes which could not attract the necessary two-third acceptance at heated and lengthy meetings during the off-season.

Queensland Soccer is presently operating under resolution only — a situation the QSF is keen to rectify as soon as possible.

But a number of local clubs may contest the notices of motion, which in some cases are a complete turnaround to those submitted for last November's annual general meeting.

Then it was attempted to insert into the constitution that the NSL clubs "shall not be eligible to participate in the Premier League competition."

Now the notices of motion relating to the clause reads that the NSL clubs be re-admitted to the Premier League "should they withdraw; be relegated from; or the National League ceases to function."

NSL AFFECTS TITLE HOPES

BY NEIL JAMESON

THE influence of Newcastle's NSL involvement has made the Northern NSW First Division title chase one of the most intriguing in years.

West Wallsend, a club that benefitted by the acquisition of coach Ken Kaiser and a few other ex-Newcastle United personnel recently, suffered their first defeat of the season at the hands of Adamstown, another club greatly effected by the trade in NSL players.

Northern followers are still evaluating whether Adamstown's link with Newcastle Rosebud United will improve or hamper the First Division side's title hopes.

While some Adamstown players have benefited from NSL experience, the exercise is placing a drain on player resources.

Neville Power, Warren Davies, John McQuarrie, Derek Todd, Steve Dorman and Dean Milosevic have all been involved in the traffic between Newcastle and Adamstown this season.

Additionally, Adamstown were forced to promote the extremely capable Peter Fairleigh following Willie Gallagher's appointment to the NSL coaching job.

The Adamstown-Westy clash saw the appearance of no fewer than eight players who have worn the NSL colours.

Westy's perceived vulnerability to the pressure of play-off football and Adamstown's commitments suggest that Mike Trebilcock's consistent Lake Macquarie outfit might be the team to watch.

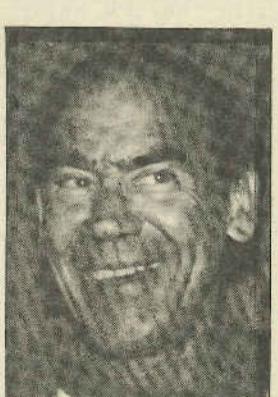
Trebilcock has the side poised for a run at the minor premiership and his professional approach could be what this young Lakes outfit needs to keep their minds on the job.

The greatest threat to the top three will almost certainly come from Weston, with their tremendous trad-

ition and local pride, and Central Coast, still thriving on the novelty of shaking the daylights out of the First Division.

Last season's run by the Coast is not about to be duplicated this year.

In fact, coach Billy Vrolyks has just about conceded his minor premiership chances have all but evaporated.



BILLY VROLYKS
tion and local pride, and Central Coast, still thriving on the novelty of shaking the daylights out of the First Division.



AROUND NEW SOUTH WALES

COMPILED BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

ROCKDALE v AVALA

"WE missed many scoring chances and paid the penalty," remarked Rockdale coach Iliya Takacs after watching his team draw 2-2 with Avala at Hurstville Oval.

Understandably, Takacs had every reason to be disappointed because Rockdale had the perfect opportunity to move into outright leadership.

"I warned the players that this could happen. In our previous two games we achieved good results against hard opposition.

"It's up to the boys to produce the goods. It's an open competition," Takacs said.

Nicola Duvnjak opened the scoring for Avala in the sixth minute with a stunning 35 metre low drive which gave the Rockdale goalie no chance.

Rockdale scored both their goals within an eight minute period.

Four minutes before the interval, Terry Jones levelled the score with a confident left-footed drive and Branko Karanfilovski scored the second in the 49th minute after Geoff Wilson provided the lead-up.

With 10 minutes remaining, experienced Avala defender Ricky Budini scored the all-important equaliser following a free-kick movement on the left.

ROCKDALE: Kotchambos, Grasevski, D. Wilson, Degney, G. Wilson, Nastevski, Pilovski, Slavesci, Karanfilovski (Boots 74), Brown (Yousiph 80), Jones.

AVALA: Thurlow, Lucchesi, Da Silva, Budini, MacKenzie, Duvnjak (Collins 50), Williams, Kodor, Bratovic, (Antonic 45), Bateman, Milne.

KU-RING-GAI v BANKSTOWN

A TELLING save by Ku-ring-gai goalkeeper Andrew Prentice in the 82nd minute denied Bankstown the opportunity of collecting two points at Parklands Oval.

The talented Prentice dived bravely at the feet of Bankstown substitute Alan Sirett to keep the 1-1 scoreline intact.

Ku-ring-gai, without regular first graders Craig Bass and Leigh Watson, had a major share of the first half and opened the scoring in the 39th minute.

A cross from left-back Brian Dene was mis-cleared and Ashley Williamson, playing his first full game in first grade, confidently drove the ball into goal.

Bankstown fought their way back in the

YUGAL v WARRINGAH
WARRINGAH-Narrabeen bounced back on the winning trail with a deserved 2-1 win over lowly placed Yugal.

Warringah's second half replacement Jimmy Rimmer proved the saviour for the visitors setting up both goals in the last eight minutes.

Yugal hit the lead in the 75th minute but new-signing David Jack levelled the score for the Saints seven minutes later.

In the dying stages, Rimmer provided the final pass for team-mate Billy Bulloch and he made no mistake.

Warringah coach John Wignall was happy with the result but realises there is still a lot of work to be done.

"We played a hell of a lot better than in some of our recent games," he said.

"We were unlucky, hitting the post in the first half and being ruled offside after the ball ended in the back of

MONARO v S'LAND

SUTHERLAND emerged from the Queanbeyan den with one point after holding Inter-Monaro to a 3-3 draw at Marco Polo Oval.

This is a good result for the Sharks. Monaro are a very strong side at home and are yet to be defeated on their own stamping

ground.

Next week Sutherland will be put to the test when they face north shore rivals Manly. Last year both teams were rejected from this year's revamped NSL competition and both sides are out to prove a point.

Within the first 90 seconds Monaro hit the lead through Walter Valeri, but Keith Schumann re-

sponded for the visitors in the 10th minute.

In the 24th minute, Watkins put the Sharks ahead and they looked well in control going into the half-time break.

Seven minutes after the interval, Monaro skipper John Santolin scored Monaro's second goal with a strong header from a corner kick.

Monaro moved back to the lead in the 80th minute when a long drive from Domazetovich hit the underside of the crossbar and bounced into the Sutherland goal.

Sutherland's equalising goal scored by Nigel Groome in the 88th minute was close to being ruled a no goal. The referee and linesman had to confer after Groome's header was cleared just behind the Monaro goal-line.

INTER-MONARO: Hockin, Domazetovich, Williams, Ambrosino, Francis, Wilcox (Colbertaldo), Monterosso (Brennan), Santolin, Farrell, Valeri, Giampaolo.

SUTHERLAND: Dart, Schumann, Hesford, Nelson, Dal Forno, Watkins (Connor), Rogers, Harrington, Groome, Hughes (Terry), Hargraves, Pettas.

POLONIA:

Barker, Pratt, Galas, Fogarty, Jordan, Lumsdaine, Juchniewicz, Nowak, Kowalczyk, Sobczyk, Devani.

CANTERBURY v POLONIA

CANTERBURY-Marrickville coach John Xipolitas is set to make sweeping changes to his team after they were defeated 3-1 by Polonia at Arlington Oval.

Xipolitas is disappointed that his side haven't been producing the same form that had them earmarked as semi-final contenders at the beginning of the season.

"It's a pity because we have talented players," he said.

"They haven't been consistent, that's why we aren't going too well at the moment. A few of them aren't saving their talents for the playing field on weekends."

Polonia, after holding out the Berries during

the opening stages, scored the first two goals through Lumsdaine (20th) and Galas (60th).

Canterbury responded with a confident header from Pettas in the 63rd minute. Seven minutes later they had a chance to level the score but a penalty attempt from Craig Hall beat the Polonia goalie but not the woodwork.

With 10 minutes remaining Kowalczyk secured the points for Polonia with a fine solo goal.

CANTERBURY: Philipi, Eftimidis, Andreou, Laws (Hantzis), Titilas (Karaspyros), Agnastopoulos, Antonopoulos, Fteriatis, Hall, Dounnis, Pettas.

POLONIA: Barker, Pratt, Galas, Fogarty, Jordan, Lumsdaine, Juchniewicz, Nowak, Kowalczyk, Sobczyk, Devani.

MANLY v AUBURN

AUBURN striker Tony O'Shane netted three times in his team's surprise 3-2 win over ex-league leaders Manly Warringah at Cromer Park.

O'Shane, signed from NSL club Blacktown City during the off-season, opened the scoring in the ninth minute from the penalty spot after a Manly defender had handled in the area.

Manly bounced back in the 21st minute to level through striker Robbie Stuart after experienced defender Bobby Pagano provided the final pass.

Just before the break, O'Shane scored his second goal from the penalty spot after teammate Stephen Knight had been brought down in the area.

This didn't deter

the home team and 11 minutes after the interval they drew level when Stephen Leak confidently headed a free-kick from the right flank into goal.

O'Shane scored the clincher from close range in the 71st minute after receiving a long free-kick taken near the half-way line.

The win has pushed Auburn within one point of league leadership currently shared by three teams on 18 points — Manly, Inter-Monaro and Rockdale.

MANLY: Casettari, Pagano, Williamson (O'Rourke 45), J. Dick (Vale 82), Doyle, Jones, Steven, Leak, McBreen, Holloway, Stuart.

AUBURN: Rosano, Kelly, Geekie, Watt, Planinic, Akoutas, Carnay, Parfitt, Banales (Townson 75), Knight, O'Shane (McDermid 85).

STATE LEAGUE 1st DIVISION

SSC Yugal v Wringah N'been 1-2 1-0 1-0
Manly Wringah v Auburn Uruguay 2-3 2-2 2-3

Rockdale Ilinden v Avala 2-2 1-0 3-2

Inter Monaro v S'land Shire 3-3 0-4

Cant.-M'ville Oly v Polonia 1-3 2-2 1-2

Ku-ring-gai v B'stown National 1-1 3-0 1-2

Wetherill Park v H'ville-Zagreb 4-2 4-1
F'ield K'ev v Sydney Uni. 4-1 0-3

2nd DIVISION

Pagewood v Chile Sports 0-0 3-0

Concordia v Tras Sports 2-1 1-1

Macarthur Utd v Macquarie Uni. 2-1 1-3

West United v H'bury Dist 2-0 2-2

Chelsea v Green Valley Utd 5-1 3-0

Sydney Maccabi v West St George 2-3 1-2

3rd DIVISION

H'filed B'Ducks v Robins 3-3 2-3

Nepean Rovers v Dulwich Hill 1-3 2-6

M F Rgrs v S'field H'purs 2-1 3-0

L'pool City v Chullora 4-1 5-3

Rosebery v Rgrs Hajduk 4-1 0-1

4th DIVISION

L'vale Utd v Colo Colo 0-1 0-1

Argent L'filed v L'pool Rgrs 4-0 2-0

Jedinstvo Utd v B'town Wkrs 0-1 1-0

Castle Hill v Hellas Poseidon 2-0 3-2

Welcome Sports v Concord Jnrs 2-1 2-1

5th DIVISION

Santiago Wand v St Marys RSL 2-0 1-5

Calabria v Sans Souci 8-0 3-2

Mace Yagoona v F'ield Athletic 0-0 6-2

Green Island v L'ham Croatia 4-1 5-1

Crescent Star v Abruzzi 2-2 0-1

INTER URBAN 1st DIVISION

Padstow Park v Maroubra Utd 3-0 4-2

Rooftop Hill v Nineveh Eagles 1-0 3-1

Wentworth Park v E'wood St And 1-2 0-2

C'belitown G'rs v Spanish Club 2-1 0-2

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KU-RING-GAI'S SUPER-KIDS

AT last "look alikes" are developing model.

It has taken some time but the message is getting through.

Ku-ring-gai assembled a group of 30 Under 11 boys at the end of last season.

They gathered together for 1½ hours on Thursday nights, applying skills and playing six-a-side games.

The coaches involved were Robert Forrai, for many years with Lindfield Soccer Club juniors, Malcolm Manville and Frank Lucas.

John Kerry has been in charge of the four goal-

keepers and Mick Poiner attended to the not inconsiderable volume of administration work required.

Test

The squad was not involved in competitions, but when an invitation arrived seeking nominations for St George Association's Sid Tanner Memorial Cup the time had arrived to test the water.

Competing in two five-team groups were representative teams

drawn from Sutherland, Blacktown, Canterbury, St George, Illawarra, Nepean, Gladesville-Hornsby, Southern NSW and Western NSW as well as Ku-ring-gai.

But before looking at tournament results, have a look at how the Ku-ring-gai team was assembled.

The boys came together from six clubs, played friendly six-a-sides and no more.

So a trial was held against Lindfield U12 As after the most

talented 15 boys had been selected.

Then on to the Sid Tanner Memorial Cup. The results in the preliminary round went in Ku-ring-gai's favour 2-0 v Blacktown, 3-1 v Sutherland 3-1 v Southern Districts, and 1-0 v Canterbury.

A 3-0 win in a tough semi-final with Canterbury landed Ku-ring-gai in the final, and they won 2-1 against the formidable Illawarra.

Not bad for a team that had never even played together!



BACK ROW: Vic Poiner (manager), Paul Nicholson, Aidan Kinder, Graham Brown, David Cryer, Danny Willits, Jeff Feurtado, Derek Poiner, Michael Rose, Rob Forrai (coach).
FRONT ROW: Christian Andrews, Joshua Goben, Grant Thompson, Damien Bell, John Cooke, Anthony Coombs, Tim Janney.

NSW ATTACK YOUTH LEAGUE MELITA LEAD U13s

MELITA EAGLES, leaders in Youth League Group A, were able to play a relaxed game and yet turn out 2-0 winners over Ku-ring-gai in the U13 game at Golden Jubilee Park.

Paul Rego scored one goal and the other fell to Paul Wroblewski following a spectacular movement.

The ball moved down the right flank, was crossed to Rego who put the unmarked Wroblewski in possession to beat two players and score a flashing goal.

On the day, centre-back Greg Dickinson and right midfielder Walter Ardone were rested, attacking midfielder Jason Falzon

switched to sweeper and Tony Rizzotto and Gordon Kovacs shared the goal-keeping department.

The U14 team won 1-0. They have only lost one match in six since Albert Jaramillo, the Chilean Sports Club winger, took over as coach.

Melita's full-backs overlapped constantly and diminutive Lee Parilla picked up the winning goal.

Goalkeeper Marcello

Fica made some really fine saves from close range shots to keep the U15 team from suffering a sound spanking.

Ku-ring-gai made some dangerous attacks but only won the match 1-0.

The U16 result went 2-1 to Melita, but only after some overdone whistling had caused frayed tempers and disjointed play. Two players received their

marching orders. Melita's goals came from Carlos Cozzarin (substitute for team captain George Athanasi) and Peter Kalamzokis.

The team is being coached at present jointly by Eddie Gili and John Tscheppera, the former Tasmanian who spent a year as Canterbury Association's director of coaching.

ROUND 21 - JUNE 23

GROUP A

| | U13 | U14 | U15 | U16 |
|-----------------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|
| Canterbury Assn v St George | 0-8 | 0-10 | 0-3 | 0-9 |
| Blacktown City v Illawarra | 0-0 | 1-3 | 7-0 | 3-0 |
| Southern Dist v APIA | 1-0 | 0-2 | 1-2 | 0-7 |
| Auburn v Yugal | 3-8 | 2-0 | 0-1 | 7-0 |
| Bankstown v Macarthur | 1-1 | 0-0 | 2-0 | 3-1 |
| Ku-ring-gai v Melita | 0-2 | 0-1 | 1-0 | 1-2 |
| Croatia v Baulkham Hills | 2-4 | 4-2 | 2-2 | 4-2 |
| Canterbury v Sutherland | 1-2 | 1-3 | 1-3 | 0-0 |

GROUP B

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|--------------------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|
| Central Coast v Sydney Olympic | 0-0 | 2-7 | 0-8 | 3-6 |
| Canterbury-Marr. v Marconi | 1-0 | 0-1 | 2-3 | 0-0 |
| Manly v Sutherland | 3-1 | 0-1 | 1-2 | 1-1 |
| Nepean v Rockdale | 6-1 | 2-1 | 2-1 | 8-0 |
| Avala v Blacktown | 2-2 | 1-3 | 0-2 | 1-2 |
| Granville v Sydney City | 11-0 | 0-0 | 4-1 | 4-2 |
| Gladesville v Nth Bankstown | 0-2 | 2-2 | 1-1 | 3-0 |

TURNER CUP WIN

PATRICIAN Brothers College Fairfield had a 4-0 win over Fairfield High School in the third round of the Turner Cup.

The match was played at Smithfield Park and the strong Patrician Brothers team was soon on top.

Kevin Vella, a State

player, Neil Esho, David Busetto and Klaus Okon got the goals for the winners.

Laurent Le Feuvre, Esho and Okon are proving to be a really solid midfield, which is helping to lift the team's performance.

The bulk of the team are involved in Youth League football, with either Marconi, Melita or Croatia.

McDONALD'S APPOINTMENT

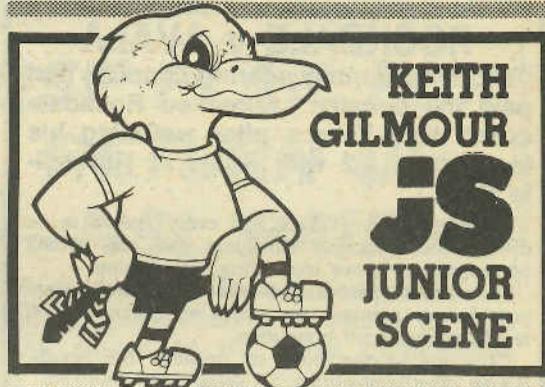
A RENEWED contact with Manly-Warringah Soccer Club president George Dick in London in 1982 led to Brian McDonald becoming MWSA director of coaching for the balance of 1984 season.

George Dick at that stage had visited Spain for the 1982 World Cup Finals.

McDonald had previously been in Australia and had been Manly-Warringah's player-coach back in 1970.

Later he returned to England as coach of Harlow Town and then as player-coach of Ongar Town.

For the past two seasons he has been actively engaged with Harlow, which has a huge local youth league.



INDOOR POPULAR WITH JUNIORS

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

DURING the summer months many young players turn their talents to Indoor Soccer.

Started because the wet weather forced teams to train indoors, it has grown beyond all proportions, especially amongst the junior ranks.

With the recent announcement that U14, U15 and U16 boys teams, an U16 girls team and U19 male youth team are to travel overseas to gain international experience, the future couldn't look brighter for the sport.

Joe Brent, the Australian Amateur secretary, realises the only way to continue expanding is to develop a talented junior nursery.

"We want to develop a positive youth policy," he said.

"By nursing our juniors and sending them overseas it will improve their standard as well as ours.

"We don't want Indoor Soccer to be a second rate sport."

Understandably, if Indoor Soccer is developed at a junior level there is a stronger possibility of producing future top-class players. Overseas experience can only further enhance their ability.

Both the U14 and U15 teams will cross the Tasman in November, playing against select New Zealand regional teams as well as compete in a National tournament.

The U14 team is: S.Umpleby, M.Grinbergs, R.Davis, A.Zino, C.Robinson, S.Cade, G.Hubbard, I.Nagarjane, J.Curraro, A.McNeill, R.Row, A.Hambessis (Coach Richard Kocass, Manager Darren Holder).

The U15 team is: N.Plataniotis, D.Scott, M.Brennan, S.Petkovic, K.Scott, R.Pursey, R.Riley, C.Brown, M.Butler, Z.Topal, J.Jones, A.Fitzjohn, B.Plavsic, L.Talevski (Coach Bernie Duvall, Manager David Smart).

Both U16 teams are

travelling to America in November taking in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Florida and conclude by competing in the US national championships in Las Vegas.

The U16 boys team is: D.Benson, P.Hicks, C.McDonald, S.Skender, C.Kontsis,



LES GABOR

N.Genarais, N.Rodopoulos, P.Silver, S.Chilas, F.Bragias, S.Mearnick, D.Zadro, A.George, A.Anagnostopoulos, P.Hambessis, (Coach Rob Burns, Manager Barry Young).

The U16 girls team is: F.Huntington, M.Hannigan, A.Walker, S.Broughton, J.Hedd, S.Millar, C.Kitchings, J.Druce, T.Monk, E.Anderson, J.Monk, M.Aqualina, J.Houghton, N.Komorowski (Coach Anne Montgomery).

The U19 youth team, who defeated the American national champions on their tour to America last November,

is sprinkled with talented players.

Under the proven combination of Les Gabor (coach) and Paul Thompson (manager), the youth team could easily return from the tour of Japan in November undefeated.

The team is: P.Tiller, J.Furness, D.Hamilton, A.Bekkers, U.Osman, L.Moon, C.Druce, G.Tour, A.Koussas, K.Thompson, A.Genc, P.Haggerty, W.Duggan, R.Pascoe, G.Psaroudis, N.Camarotto.

GOALIE NIGHT

SUTHERLAND Shire must have conducted the biggest ever goalkeeper coaching night ever.

The Sutherland and St George Coaches Association's session was attended by more than 150 budding goalkeepers, parents and children.

Demonstrating goalkeeper coaching were Warwick Young, Robert Viera, Adolpho Rosano, Don Smith and Frank Lang (St George), Mal Haynes, Paul Dart, Craig Birchmore, Frank Mirvic and Robbie Bonner (Sutherland) and Adam Glasscock (Port Hacking).

SIMON A WHISTLER

SIMON BARLOW, 14, has been playing Soccer for Twin City Wanderers in Albury-Wodonga district since 1979.

This year, due to a change in age groupings, Simon has been trying his hand at refereeing.

His mother, Mrs Jenny Barlow, is the first lady president of the club.





St George Under 11 Metropolitan Championship team

SUTHERLAND'S MAJOR LINK

BIG moves have been afoot in Sutherland to provide a first-class link between the Sutherland Shire Soccer Club and the huge local Association.

The senior club once again has provided all juniors under the age of 16 with a free pass to all home games.

Also, Sutherland club is training at least every three weeks at junior club grounds.

Clinics

This brings seniors and juniors in touch, with the latter gaining the benefit of learning of improved training methods.

Particular emphasis

is placed on training and skills work.

Five McDonalds Socceroo Superskills awards are being conducted during the season under the control of Max Groll and Alan Edmondson.

Free Soccer skills clinics are being conducted for juniors during school holidays.

First grade coach John Lavin is lending a hand, and various projects are receiving the assistance of members of the Sutherland Shire Coaches Association.

Sutherland's home

games are carrying the names of local junior clubs, who can take part in the promotions.

Future

Players and officials of the Sutherland club visit junior games, picking out promising players to whom prizes are awarded.

Club coaches give particular attention to Sutherland Youth League U15 and U16 teams, with a view to signing real talent to bring it up through the club's

ranks to future prominence.

The pay-off for Sutherland is more skill for the future and increased support for the team.

A deal of money is being expended to provide better facilities at Seymour Shaw Park.

Almost \$20,000 was spent during the closed season on ground improvements.

There is no doubt, with such an ambitious programme, that Sutherland deserves success.

CHS REGIONALS THIS WEEK

BY GARETH WILLIAMS

NO doubt some future stars will be unearthed at this week's NSW Intra-State Soccer Carnival.

The series, featuring teams from all NSW Regions, will be played this Tuesday to Thursday, June 26/28, at the Ashley Brown Reserve at Seven Hills.

The fields adjoin Blacktown City's Gabbie Stadium. It will be no surprise if many leading coaches are in attendance.

The football talents of many fine players have been nurtured in the ranks of the Combined High Schools.

Names

Look at some of the names, starting with two former Australian captains in Johnny Warren and Murray Barnes.

Others to go to the top or on the way include Craig Johnston, Peter Tredinnick, Gary Phillips, Peter Katholos, Mark Koussas, Robbie Slater, Rene Licata, Ray Vlietstra and Peter Kotamanidis.

Undefeated

Until the final, NSW was undefeated in five games, including a resounding 3-0 at the expense of the eventual winners.

The Australian

Schoolboys team is selected from the championship teams. Last year, eight of the 15 player squad were from NSW.

In 1983, the NSW team will be selected to represent the state at the Commonwealth Bank Secondary Schools Soccer Championships.

The Commonwealth Bank will again proudly sponsor this tournament, which will be held this year in Hobart.

The NSW CHS always does well in the Australia series.

In 1983, the State had to bow out 2-1 in the final to the ACT, whose line-up was star-studded with players from the Australian Institute of Sport.

Following this week's carnival there will be a series of training sessions and games for the NSW team.

They head off for two weeks in late August for a New Zealand tour, which will be a prelude to the Australian Championships at Hobart.

Planning is underway to tour the UK and Europe in 1985.

The Australian



Sutherland Shire U11 Metropolitan Championship team

BIG RIVERINA SQUABBLE

BY FRANK FINLAY

CHICO VOJNOVIC has been appointed coach of the Riverina representative team to play the Australian Youth team in October.

There was an immediate boilover due to claims that he has ignored players of the Border and Lavington Soccer Clubs in the selection process.

Officials of both clubs claimed that their players had been entirely overlooked.

However, Vojnovic resigned as coach of Al-

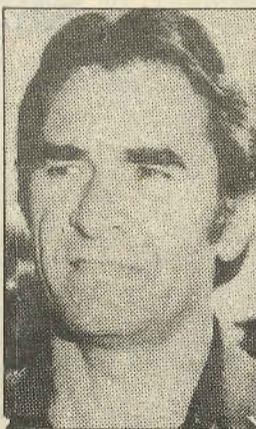
bury City to give himself time to travel throughout the region in search of the most talented players.

In his playing career, he turned out for clubs in Yugoslavia, Germany, Austria, Mexico and Chile.

He coached in Yugoslavia and Austria and then with clubs in

I understand that

Inter Monaro goalkeeper Michael Holding and David Mower of Canberra Arrows are likely to train with the squad.



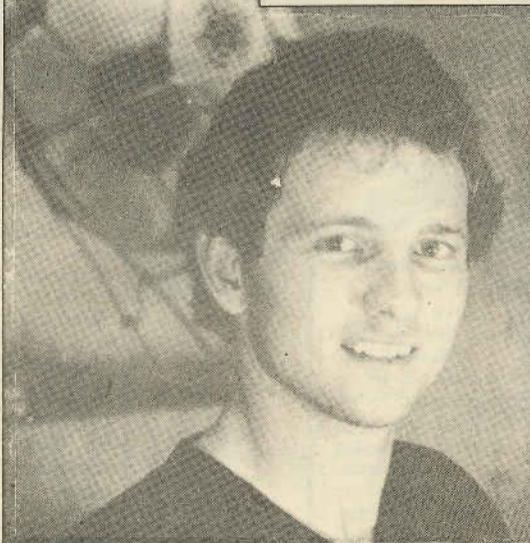
CHICO VOJNOVIC

SERDERON THE PLASTIC MAN PRIZE

SERDERON PTY LTD, Sydney's Polythene Distributors, will award \$1,000, split between five lucky junior clubs, associations, schools and organisations for their contributions to ASW for the period April 3 to September 25, 1984.

These can be in story and/or pictorial form. Photographs should be in black and white and have good contrast, although colour snaps will usually turn out satisfactorily.

The prize are: 1st \$500, 2nd \$250, 3rd \$100, 4th \$100, 5th \$50. The decision of the editorial staff of ASW will be final.



MICHAEL HOCKING

TWO TAKE ON COACHING

FEW young Soccer players give up their time to coach, but that's what two 15-year-olds have done in Nepean Association.

In addition to playing, Shane Northam and Ricky Smith took on an Under 8 team with St Josephs Soccer Club this year.

Shane is a midfielder or striker for St Josephs U15 team, and Ricky is goalkeeper for Nepean Police Boys Club U16s.

In their School Certificate year, it is a big responsibility, yet the two have put in a big effort to coach their U8 team.

It is a credit to themselves that they are putting something back into the game at such a young age.



SHANE NORTHAM



RICKY SMITH



EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP ACTION ... Julio Alberto Moreno of Spain leaps over Norbert Meier of West Germany. Spain defeated West Germany 1-0 to qualify for the semi-finals of the European Championship.

JUVENTUS SEEK A TOP STRIKER

JUVENTUS are searching for a top class striker to take some of the weight off Paolo Rossi's shoulders.

The player they fancy most is a black Dutchman, Ruud Gullitt, who plays for the title-winning Feyenoord.

There isn't much chance of a deal. Gullitt is con-

tracted to Feyenoord until the end of next season and he played a big part in their championship victory. He will not be released, no matter how tempting the Juventus offer.

UBALDO FILLOL, Argentina's World Cup-winning goalkeeper, reckons he must be the world's best saver of penalty kicks.

During his career, Fillol has saved 155 penalties.

Didn't someone once say penalties should never be missed?

ZICO'S TOP GROUND

SOME footballers claim they are inspired by a huge crowd in a big stadium while others say they get nervous and freeze and cannot produce

Zico is one who loves a full house. "I always play far beyond my limitations in the Maracana," said Zico.

Maracana in Rio is the world's largest stadium, with capacity of 200,000.

KALTZ WON'T MOVE

MANNY KALTZ, one of West Germany's greatest players with 69 international appearances to his credit, is not money-hungry.

Indeed Kaltz has accepted a cut in wages of 30 per cent because he wants to finish his playing days with SV Hamburg.

He could have gone to another club and earned more money, but after 13 years with Hamburg, he has just signed a new contract to the end of the 1986-87 season, which is a life contract.

KALTZ (right) tackled by West German teammate Forster

\$5,000 A WEEK FOR SOUNESS

THE contract signed by Liverpool's Graeme Souness with Italy's Sampdoria has been described as the best ever offered to a British player.

Souness will collect a basic wage of almost \$5,000 a week for the next three years.

That's a tremendous pay out for a player who, at 31, is in the declining years of his football career.

In addition to the fortune Souness will pocket, Liverpool will also pick up a transfer fee of \$1,000,000.

With this sort of money to be had, it is not surprising that so many British players are

anxious to move to European clubs.

Souness, after signing for Sampdoria, said: "I did it for the money — I make no bones about that."

That's not a bad reason for moving!

HAJDUK PAYS THE PENALTY

CROWD hooliganism usually follows a familiar sickening pattern, with fighting among spectators, invasions of pitches, assaults on players or match officials and so forth.

But one supporter of Yugoslavia's Hajduk Split invented a new, and even more revolting, piece of thuggery during the UEFA Cup semi-final against Tottenham Hotspur.

This crazy man ran on to the pitch and slaughtered a rooster during the half-time break. The rooster, of course, is Tottenham's emblem.

Because of this macabre killing, Hajduk

Split will have to play their next European match at least 300 kilometres from home.

SOCRATES' STRANGE CONTRACT

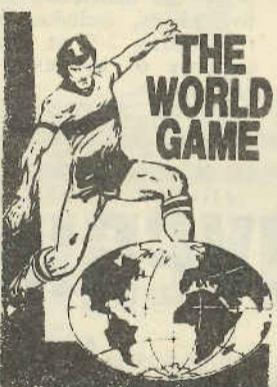
SOCRATES, the doctor who captained Brazil's wonderful 1982 World Cup team, has a couple of amazing clauses in his contract with Italian club, Fiorentina, which was ratified recently.

His Sao Paulo club, Corinthians, will get a transfer fee of more than \$3,000,000 and Socrates will pick up \$1,400,000 for himself.

Now for the additional clauses in the strange contract. Socrates has been given permission to smoke 50 cigarettes a day and will be permitted to leave training camp and sleep with his wife before matches!

As a bit of extra incentive to sign, Socrates has been given a luxury villa, two expensive cars and a part-

time job in a hospital as an orthopaedic surgeon.



TARANTINI

PINING FOR HOME

ALBERTO TARANTINI's contract with French club Bastia has expired and the player is keen to finish his playing days in his Argentinian homeland.

Trouble is, there is not a lot of money in Argentina right now, so Tarantini may have to return to Europe for a contract in Italy or France.

OLDIES TURN IT ON

AS part of FIFA's 80th anniversary celebrations, a challenge match was played in Zurich between Suiza FC and an invited All Star side.

There were some great

names among the All Stars, including Dino Zoff, Beckenbauer, Nordquist, Fachetti, Masopust, Mazzola, Jairzinho, Albert, Chinaglia and Eusebio.

The match ended in a 3-3 draw with Chinaglia (2) and Jairzinho getting the goals for the All Stars.

MAIDSTONE MISS THE BIG CHANCE

IT looked a near-certainty that Maidstone United, the Kent club from the Alliance Premier League, would be voted into the Football League at the expense of regular failures, Hartlepool.

But it was not to be. Although Maidstone reckoned they had pledges of ample votes to displace Hartlepool, when the actual tally was taken at the Foot-

STEVE COPPELL achieved plenty during his playing career with Manchester United which sadly was ended prematurely last season through injury.

Now Steve has a new claim to fame. After being appointed team boss of Crystal Palace discovered he was England's youngest manager.

WHEN England flew to Rio de Janeiro to play Brazil, their journey took 15 hours and most of the players had little sleep.

But team manager Bobby Robson claims he had a solid eight hours in the land of nod, "because I had nothing on my mind to worry about."

That appeared to be merely bravado, especially after his Englishmen were still reeling from a 2-0 defeat from Russia at Wembley.

But maybe Robson knew something. England beat Brazil 2-0 in Maracana as if to emphasise Robson, indeed, really had no worries.

LEICESTER CITY have always had strong Scottish connections — even before Jock Wallace was enticed south of the border to be Leicester manager.

Now Leicester are planning their buildup to the new season and it will include a match in Glasgow against Rangers (once again managed by Wallace) and a home game against Scotland's leading team, Aberdeen.

THERE will be big changes at Sunderland if manager Len Ashurst has his way.

Ashurst, former Sunderland full-back, is unhappy about the side he inherited from previous Roker Park manager Alan Durban.

He wants a top striker as first priority but there is not a lot of cash in the kitty to buy one.

It seems Sunderland will have to sell England Under 21 full-back Nick Pickering to gather in the money for a striker.

They have already sold Paul Bracewell to Everton for \$400,000.

ball League's annual meeting, Hartlepool were re-elected with votes to spare.

This is the 14th time Hartlepool have had to apply for re-election but once again they man-

aged to pick their way through the minefield.

Maidstone are very angry. They had plenty to offer, including a population within reasonable distance of their ground of 250,000 potential Soccer spectators.

Kent has only one League team, Gillingham, and could accommodate another.

The last time the Football League admitted a new club was seven years ago when Wigan Athletic overcome the "old pals act" to creep in.

EXETER GETS ILEY

JIM ILEY, once a very skilful wing-half with Sheffield United and Spurs, has taken over as manager of Exeter City.

Iley replaces Gerry Francis who, after one year as a manager, has been released.

Francis, at 31, was lacking experience to be a club manager but Iley is 47 and more mature in his thinking.

Francis, who played more than 400 games for QPR and was an England captain, still hopes to stay in the game as a player.

He is training with his old club, QPR.



JORDAN WANTS A CLUB

JUST when defences thought it was safe to go into the water ... Jaws is back!

After three years in Italian football, Joe Jordan has decided he's had enough and he wants to get his teeth into some British defenders again.

Jordan has not been a huge success in Italy but he has picked up plenty of money.

His wife is expecting a baby and the pair want the birth to be in Britain.

"I've had three wonder years in Italy but I'm anxious to go home and I just hope some UK clubs will be in-

terested in me," said Jordan.

There will be no shortage of takers — with Chelsea, Coventry City and QPR heading the bidders.

By the way, Jordan was nicknamed "Jaws" be-

cause he removes his false teeth before every match and this leaves a gap in his mouth with a couple of vicious-looking molars protruding! At 32, Joe "Jaws" Jordan has played 52 times for Scotland.

ENGLAND BOSS IS SNUBBED

YOU'D think 1985 would be the one year in which country-before-club would be the rallying cry because of vital World Cup elimination games.

Most countries will lean over backwards to assist their national

team in 1985, but not England.

English team boss Bob-

by Robson asked the clubs to give him four free Saturdays to coincide with World Cup elimination games — in case key players were injured playing for their clubs.

The request was knocked back — an obvious snub to Robson. Instead the Football League may allow one football-free Saturday, probably on the day before England meet their toughest Group opponents, Romania, in Bucharest.

Jack Dunnett, chairman of the League, said the Saturdays would have been left free if it was proved to be of benefit to England, but he was not convinced of the value of the concession.

In Spain, after England's last World Cup flop in 1982, Dunnett and many other top administrators promised that, in future, the clubs would do everything possible to assist England's cause in international matches.

Promises ... promises!



JACK DUNNETT

PETER HELPS PERRY

COVENTRY CITY goalkeeper Perry Suckling (yes, that's really his name) had a difficult debut season in the first division in 1983-84, his most miserable experience being the day he conceded eight goals against Southampton.

The man in Southampton's goal that day was England's number one, Peter Shilton.

about the huge defeat. Shilton pointed out that he had once let in seven goals but refused to let it get him down.

"If Peter Shilton can be on the end of such a hammering, I realise it could happen to anyone," said Suckling.



SHEEDY COSTLY

KEVIN SHEEDY, international midfielder with FA Cup winners Everton, has been granted his request for a transfer.

Howard Kendall, Everton's boss, says he is disappointed at the player's attitude and has slapped a very big fee on him.

Any club wanting Sheedy will have to fork out \$800,000.

At 23, Sheedy has plenty of admirers, but hardly any of them have the sort of cash Everton are demanding.

Trouble between player and club was sparked off by Sheedy's refusal to sign a new contract.



CLOUGH IS HAPPY MAN

COLIN WALSH's decision to re-sign with Nottingham Forest was a great relief to manager Brian Clough who feared a mass exodus of his stars.

Leading goalscorer Peter Davenport said he wanted to return to Merseyside because he was homesick; Scottish international Ian Wallace left for Brest in France; goalkeeper Hans Van Breukelen switched to PSV Eindhoven and Viv Anderson is trying to negotiate a new contract but must take a pay cut if he stays with Forest.

It's no wonder Brian Clough stayed at home to attend to transfer



COLIN WALSH

business instead of travelling to Australia with his team. Walsh looks a player with a particularly bright future. He has already been honoured by Scotland at Under 21 level and has the potential to win a full cap soon. The boy, though, is no big-head. He admitted: "I've still got a lot to learn and I'm nowhere near as good as the man I replaced," John Robertson.

Walsh plays in the midfield or on the left wing and he was one of the key players in Forest's excellent 1983-84 season.



NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE



ROUND 14

SUNDAY JULY 1

AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

CANBERRA ARROWS

▼

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD

National Sports Centre 3pm

MARCONI

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SYDNEY CROATIA

Marconi Stadium 3pm

PARRAMATTA MELITA

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SYDNEY CITY

Melita Stadium 3pm

PENRITH CITY

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BLACKTOWN CITY

Cook Park, St Marys 3.15pm

ST GEORGE

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SYDNEY OLYMPIC

St George Stadium 3pm

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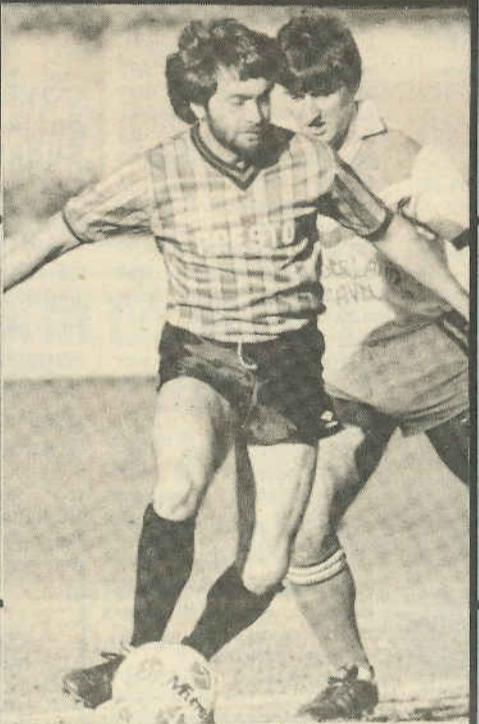
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LEICHHARDT

Towradgi Park 3pm



TOMMY McCULLOCH (Marconi)



JOE WATSON (Sydney City)



ROBBIE SLATER (St George)

ADELAIDE CITY

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WEST ADELAIDE

Olympic Sports Field 2.30pm

BRISBANE LIONS

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BRISBANE CITY

Richlands 3pm

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS

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MELBOURNE CROATIA

Olympic Sports Field 3pm

FOOTSCRAY

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PRESTON

Schintler Reserve 3pm

GREEN GULLY

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SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS

Green Gully 3pm

HEIDELBERG UNITED

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SOUTH MELBOURNE

Olympic Village 3pm